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Yellowstone County Reports COVID-19 Related Deaths

Billings, MT – RiverStone Health, Yellowstone County’s public health department, reports five more Yellowstone County residents have died due to COVID-19 related illness.

On Thursday, November 12, a woman in her 80s passed away in a Yellowstone County hospital.

Also on Thursday, November 12, a woman in her 60s passed away in a Yellowstone County hospital.

On Friday, November 13, a woman in her 80s passed away in a Yellowstone County hospital.

Also on Friday, November 13, a woman in her 90s passed way in a Yellowstone County hospital.

On Saturday, November 14, a man in his 60s who had resided in a Yellowstone County senior care facility, passed away in a Yellowstone County hospital.

To protect the privacy of the deceased and their families, RiverStone Health will not release further information.

The deaths above are reflected on the Sunday, November 15 state COVID-19 tracking map. RiverStone Health is working with the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services to reconcile the two deaths that were attributed to Yellowstone County on the Saturday, November 14 state COVID-19 map.

“I offer my heartfelt sympathy to the families and friends of each of the deceased. There are no words that will take away their sorrow and grief, but in time, I hope that tears of loss will be replaced with smiles of fond memories,” said John Felton, Yellowstone County Health Officer, President and CEO of RiverStone Health.

“Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, more than 100 Yellowstone County residents have lost their lives to this tragedy. Instead of subsiding, we are seeing more COVID-19 infections and more hospitalizations, which sadly will lead to more families burying loved ones. If more of us would

wear masks, watch our distance, avoid crowds, frequently wash our hands, and stay home when we are ill, we can get to the other side of this situation more quickly. I urge all of us to honor our Yellowstone County friends and neighbors who have lost their lives to this virus by consistently doing the things that we all know will help prevent more illness and death,” Felton.

To date, 8,946 Yellowstone County residents have been infected with COVID-19 and 103 have died.

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