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Yellowstone County Reports COVID-19 Related Deaths

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

On Wednesday, December 2, a man in his 50s passed away in a Billings hospital.

Also on Wednesday, December 2, a man in his 80s passed away in a Billings hospital.

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

The latest Yellowstone County deaths are not yet reflected on the state COVID-19 tracking map as of Thursday.

"This holiday season will be sorrowful for the families of these Yellowstone County men and for the families of 122 other county residents who have died this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic," said John Felton, Yellowstone County health officer and RiverStone Health CEO. "I offer them my deepest sympathy."

"I ask everyone to help slow the spread of this highly contagious virus that has sent unprecedented numbers of patients to our local hospitals," Felton said, again urging people to follow basic prevention measures: Keep your distance from people who don't live with you, wear a mask in public and when around others at your workplace, work from home when possible, wash your hands frequently and stay home if you are ill.

To date, 11,383 Yellowstone County residents have been infected with COVID-19 and 124 have died.

Further information on COVID-19 in Yellowstone County is online at covid.riverstonehealth.org.

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