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Yellowstone County COVID-19 Related Death

Billings, MT – RiverStone Health, Yellowstone County’s public health department, reports the death of another Yellowstone County resident from COVID-19 related illness.

On Tuesday, December 15, a man in his 70s died in a Billings hospital.

In the first 15 days of December, 12 Yellowstone County residents have died of COVID-19 related illness and 146 county residents have died since the pandemic began, according to RiverStone Health records.

“I extend condolences to the family and friends of the Yellowstone County man who passed away Tuesday,” said John Felton, Yellowstone County public health officer and RiverStone Health CEO.

“Each COVID-19 death reminds us that we must remain vigilant -- even though the first doses of a vaccine have arrived in Yellowstone County,” Felton said. “It will be months before there is enough vaccine to protect all of us. Until most of us have received safe, effective vaccinations, everyone should keep taking basic, personal precautions to slow the virus spread.”

- Wear a mask in public and whenever you are with a person who doesn’t live with you.
- Keep your distance of at least 6 feet from others who don’t live with you.
- Wash your hands thoroughly and frequently.
- Stay home if you are ill.

To date, 12,979 Yellowstone County residents have been infected with COVID-19.

More information on the pandemic is online at covid.riverstonehealth.org.

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