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### **Yellowstone County resident dies of COVID-19 related illness**

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

On Wednesday, December 23, a man in his 80’s died in a Billings hospital.

Yellowstone County has had 157 residents who died of COVID-related illness since the pandemic arrived.

“Any death is hard for family and friends grieving the loss of their loved one,” said John Felton, Yellowstone County public health officer and RiverStone Health CEO. “It can be especially hard to lose someone during the holiday season. Our deepest condolences to those missing a loved one.”

We encourage residents to continue practicing COVID-19 prevention methods.

- 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, 13,491 Yellowstone County residents have been infected with COVID-19.

More information on the pandemic is online at [covid.riverstonehealth.org](https://covid.riverstonehealth.org).

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