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Yellowstone County records 170th COVID-19 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 January 8, a man in his 70s died at a Billings hospital.

Yellowstone County has lost 170 residents to the pandemic, including five people who have died since January 1.

“Each loss is deeply felt in our community of compassionate friends and neighbors,” said John Felton, Yellowstone County public health officer and RiverStone Health CEO.

Our county has reported 14,553 cases of COVID-19 since March, including 931 Yellowstone County residents who have been hospitalized.

Vaccination against the virus that causes COVID-19 is under way for the 1A priority group of healthcare workers, first responders and residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities in Yellowstone County.

When additional vaccine supplies are received from the federal government, Yellowstone County providers will start vaccinating the 1B priority group, which includes people over 70, younger people with certain health conditions, Native Americans and other people of color who are at higher risk for serious illness.

RiverStone Health doesn’t yet know when more vaccine will arrive in Yellowstone County to begin vaccinating people in the 1B priority group.

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

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