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Yellowstone County records 231st COVID-19 death

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

On February 14, a man in his 80s died at a Billings hospital.

“The death of this Yellowstone County man reminds us that the pandemic continues to take a terrible toll in our community,” said John Felton, RiverStone Health CEO and Yellowstone County health officer. “Our county has lost 231 residents to the pandemic, 25 of whom died since the first of this year.”

“I offer my deepest sympathy to the family and friends of this latest pandemic victim,” Felton said. “I implore everyone in Yellowstone County to take precautions against spreading the virus. Wear a mask when you are in public or within six feet of someone who doesn’t live with you, keep your distance, wash your hands and stay home if you are sick.”

“I strongly encourage everyone to get vaccinated against COVID-19 as soon as the vaccine becomes available to you.”

RiverStone Health and our partners in the Yellowstone County Unified Health Command (Billings Clinic, St. Vincent Healthcare and Yellowstone County Disaster and Emergency Services) are holding community vaccine clinics this week at Cedar Hall at MetraPark. Appointments are required and can be made online at this link: mtreadyclinic.org.

These clinics are open to Yellowstone County residents in the 1A and 1B priority groups, including healthcare workers, first responders, people age 70 and older, people age 16 to 69 who have medical conditions that put them at higher risk for severe COVID-19 illness and Native Americans and other people of color who may be at high risk for severe COVID-19 illness.

The UHC is working to vaccinate everyone who wants a COVID-19 vaccine safely and quickly, but vaccine supplies so far have been less than demand.

COVID-19 information is updated regularly online at covid.riverstonehealth.org.

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