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Yellowstone County records 235th COVID-19 death

Billings, MT – Two more Yellowstone County residents have died from COVID-19 illness, according to RiverStone Health, Yellowstone County’s public health department.

On February 21, a man in his 70s died at a Billings hospital.

On February 22, another man in his 70s died at a Billings hospital.

So far, 235 Yellowstone County residents have lost their lives due to the pandemic. This includes eight people who have died in February and 21 individuals who died in January.

Until everyone who wants a COVID-19 vaccine can be vaccinated, everyone should take measures to protect themselves and their families from COVID-19. Prevention measures include consistently wearing masks, avoiding large gatherings, keeping six feet away from people outside your household, frequently washing hands and staying home if you are sick.

The Unified Health Command (RiverStone Health, Billings Clinic, St. Vincent Healthcare and Yellowstone County Disaster and Emergency Services) continues to hold free, community vaccine clinics at Cedar Hall at MetraPark. **All appointments for this week’s clinics have been filled.** More clinics will be scheduled for the week of March 1. Advance appointments are required. Please check mtreadyclinic.org for availability and scheduling.

COVID-19 vaccination clinics are open to Yellowstone County residents in the 1A and 1B priority groups, which includes 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.

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

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