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Yellowstone County records 241st COVID-19 death

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

On February 22, a man in his 70s died at a Billings hospital. The death was reported to public health officials Wednesday after death certificate review.

At least 241 Yellowstone County residents have lost their lives to the pandemic so far. The man who died on February 22 is one of 11 residents who passed away in February. Three COVID-19 deaths have been reported in March.

“I offer my deepest sympathy to the family and friends of the Yellowstone County man whose death was most recently reported to us,” said John Felton, Yellowstone County health officer and RiverStone Health president. “Tragically, we continue to have deaths even as the overall COVID-19 case count has dropped in our county.”

Yellowstone County has 165 active COVID-19 cases as of today, March 11. The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services online case map now shows 165 cases, a sharp decrease from 553 cases on the map Wednesday.

There has been a significant discrepancy recently between the actual active case count in Yellowstone County and the incorrectly high number listed on the state map. DPHHS has reconciled the data to reflect the most up-to-date case count.

The Unified Health Command (RiverStone Health, Billings Clinic, St. Vincent Healthcare and Yellowstone County Disaster and Emergency Services) is holding first-dose vaccine clinics at Cedar Hall at MetraPark. Appointments for the week of March 15 will be posted at mtreadyclinic.org when available. Some appointments will be available starting at 9 a.m. on March 15 by calling 406.651.6596. Clinics are open to Yellowstone County residents in the 1A, 1B and 1B+ priority groups. For more information on vaccination priority groups, go to covid.riverstonehealth.org.

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