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COVID-19 claims 4th Yellowstone County victim in June

Billings, MT – RiverStone Health, Yellowstone County's public health agency, reports another COVID-19 death, bringing the county's pandemic death toll to 273 lives lost since April 2020. Four of those victims have died so far this month, according to RiverStone Health records.

A woman in her 60s died who on Tuesday, June 15, at a Billings hospital, had an underlying health condition in addition to the COVID-19 virus. She hadn't been vaccinated against the pandemic virus.

This woman's death from COVID-19 related illness is a tragic reminder that the virus is still infecting unvaccinated people in our community. Seventy-seven Yellowstone County residents have tested positive in the past seven days.

COVID-19 vaccines are safe and highly effective at preventing infection, serious illness and death. Vaccinations are available at many local pharmacies and medical clinics.

RiverStone Health is staffing the free, walk-in vaccination clinics listed below. The clinic at Montana State University Billings will offer the one-dose Johnson and Johnson vaccine only. All other clinics listed will offer both the J&J vaccine and the Pfizer vaccine, which is approved for ages 12 and older and requires two doses.

- Wednesday, June 16, noon-1 p.m., Castle Rock Park, near the Reading Rocks tent.
- Thursday, June 17, noon-1 p.m., Central Park, near Reading Rocks.
- June 24, 4:30 6:30 p.m., Gardeners' Market, South Park.
- June 25, 11 a.m. 1 p.m., MSUB, Petro Theatre.
- July 9, 8 a.m. noon, RiverStone Health, Lil Anderson Center (four-story building).
- Friday, July 30, 8 a.m. noon, RiverStone Health, Lil Anderson Center (four-story building).

People under 18 must have a vaccination consent form signed by a parent or guardian. Consent forms are available at the clinics and at covid.riverstonehealth.org under "vaccinations".