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302nd pandemic death, 99 COVID-19 patients in Billings hospitals

Billings, MT – A Yellowstone County woman in her 50s passed away due to COVID-19 related illness, according to death certificate review by the Yellowstone County Clerk and Recorder’s Office. RiverStone Health was notified Thursday about this death, which occurred on Aug. 27.

The woman had been vaccinated against COVID-19 and had underlying medical conditions. She died at a Yellowstone County care facility.

Her death is the 302nd COVID-19 related fatality in Yellowstone County since April 2020.

“This tragic news was reported on the same day that Billings hospitals are caring for 99 COVID-19 patients, including 91 patients who haven’t been vaccinated,” said John Felton, Yellowstone County health officer and RiverStone Health CEO and president. “While no vaccine is 100% effective, the COVID-19 vaccines approved for use in the United States provide a high level of protection against this disease. The majority of people who have been hospitalized in Billings with COVID-19 illness are unvaccinated.”

Vaccinations are available at local pharmacies, medical clinics and hospitals. RiverStone Health is offering free first and second doses of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to everyone age 12 and older. The two-dose Moderna vaccine is available to people age 18 and older as is the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Third doses will be given only to immune-compromised people. RiverStone Health has scheduled these free, walk-in clinics:

- **Saturday, Sept. 11, noon-4 p.m.**, North Park, 406 Pride Festival. Clinic will run till 6 p.m. if busy.
- **Thursday, Sept. 23, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.**, RiverStone Health, 123 S. 27th St., in the four-story building.

To make appointments for COVID-19 vaccination with the RiverStone Health Immunization Clinic, call **247-3382**. More vaccination information is posted at covid.riverstonehealth.org.

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