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Yellowstone County loses 32 lives to COVID-19 in September

Billings, MT – Yellowstone County lost more than one resident per day to the COVID-19 pandemic during the month of September, RiverStone Health reported on Thursday.

Two Yellowstone County men died on Wednesday, Sept. 29, in Billings hospitals of COVID-19 related illness. With those deaths, Yellowstone County has lost 333 residents to the pandemic virus, including 32 people who died in September.

The most recent pandemic victims are a man in his 50s, who was unvaccinated and had underlying health conditions; and a man in 60s who was vaccinated and had underlying health conditions.

On Thursday, Billings Clinic and St. Vincent Healthcare had 113 COVID-19 inpatients. Ninety-four of them had not been vaccinated against the virus. Safe, effective COVID-19 vaccines are available now at local pharmacies, medical clinics and hospitals for everyone age 12 and older.

RiverStone Health will hold these free, walk-in clinics to offer first, second and third doses of Pfizer vaccine, along with first and second doses of Moderna and the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

- Monday, Oct. 4, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Montana State University Billings, Student Union Building, banquet rooms A and B.
- Tuesday, Oct. 5, noon-2 p.m., Billings Public Library Community Room.
- Thursday, Oct. 7, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Healthy By Design Gardeners' Market, South Park.
- Oct. 9, 9 a.m.-noon, Harvest Fest, downtown Billings.
- Oct. 12, noon-2 p.m., Billings Public Library Community Room.
- Oct. 14, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., RiverStone Health, 123 S. 27th St., in the four-story building.
- Oct. 20, noon-2 p.m. Billings Public Library Community Room.
- Oct. 21, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., North Park.
- Oct. 22, 11 am. to 1 p.m., Terry Park.
- Oct. 27, 2 p.m.-4 p.m., Billings Public Library Community Room.

People who want to get vaccinated at the Billings Public Library clinics can get free rides to and from the library via MET Transit by calling 606.657.8218. Rides must be scheduled no later than 5 p.m. the day prior to the clinic and can be scheduled up to 14 days in advance.

A limited number of vaccination appointments are available from the RiverStone Health Immunization Clinic, phone **406.247.3382**. More vaccination information is posted at covid.riverstonehealth.org.

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