



Media Information:

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COVID-19 illness claims another Yellowstone County resident

Billings, MT – A Yellowstone County woman in her 70s died Wednesday, October 27 in a Billings hospital of COVID-19 related illness. She was not vaccinated and had underlying medical conditions.

Forty-six Yellowstone County residents have died this month, equating to more than one death every 36 hours. Since the first COVID-19 related illness death in April 2020, at least 403 residents have died.

On Thursday, Billings Clinic and St. Vincent Healthcare were caring for 43 COVID-19 patients in ICU; 33 were on ventilators. Combined, the hospitals had 134 hospitalized COVID-19 patients, including 104 who were not vaccinated.

Safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines are available at local medical clinics and pharmacies.

RiverStone Health will hold a free, walk-in COVID-19 vaccination clinic on November 4, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., on the main campus, 123 S. 27th St., in the four-story building.

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.

RiverStone Health is offering at no charge:

- First and second doses of Pfizer vaccine to people age 12 and older.
- First and second doses of Moderna and the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine to people age 18 and older.
- Third doses of Moderna and Pfizer vaccines to immune-compromised people.
- Booster shots of the Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccines as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Drive-through testing

RiverStone Health and St. Vincent Healthcare provide free drive-through COVID-19 tests from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays at St. Vincent Healthcare parking lot M, at North 28th Street and 11th Avenue North. The test site is closed from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. daily. Tests are available to people age five and older who have symptoms of COVID-19 or had close contact with a person who tested positive. St. Vincent Healthcare will provide lab results to those tested within 48 hours.

Please be aware that this outdoor test site may close during inclement weather.

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