



Media Information:

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Yellowstone County COVID-19 deaths total 442

Billings, MT – A total of 442 Yellowstone County residents have died from COVID-19 related illness since the pandemic began in spring 2020. The majority of deaths – 236 -- have occurred since January 1, 2021.

The most recent Yellowstone County victims include:

- A man in his 70s who passed away on Tuesday at a Billings hospital. He was unvaccinated and had underlying medical conditions that put him at higher risk for severe COVID-19 illness.
- A woman in her 80s who passed away Tuesday at a Billings hospital. She was unvaccinated and had underlying medical conditions.
- A woman in her 70s who passed away on November 3 at her home. No information has been found on her vaccination status or on other medical conditions she may have had. This death was identified through the Yellowstone County Clerk and Recorder's Office review of the death certificate.

On Wednesday, Billings hospitals had 75 COVID-19 inpatients, including 55 who weren't vaccinated and 20 who were vaccinated. Among the hospitalized COVID-19 patients, 22 were in ICU and 16 were on ventilators.

The majority of Yellowstone County people hospitalized with COVID-19 illness and the majority of those who have died were not vaccinated against this virus. The safest, most effective way to reduce the risk of severe COVID-19 illness and death is to get vaccinated as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Vaccinations for people age 5 and older are available at local pharmacies, clinics and hospitals.

Vaccination clinic Tuesday

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday this week, the next free, walk-in COVID-19 vaccination clinic at Cedar Hall at MetraPark will be Tuesday, November 30, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Masks are required at the Cedar Hall vaccination clinics. Children under 18 must have signed parental consent for vaccination. All walk-in clinics will offer all three of the U.S. approved vaccines.

Drive-through testing closed

The free, drive-through community testing site in the St. Vincent Healthcare parking lot M at North 28th Street and 11th Avenue North closed at noon today and will remain closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday and Friday. The testing site will reopen on Monday at 9 a.m.

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