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COVID-19 illness claims four more Yellowstone County lives

Billings, MT – With four Yellowstone County residents dying of COVID-19 related illness over the weekend, at least 411 county residents have succumbed to the pandemic virus since April 2020.

The latest pandemic victims include:

- A woman in her 60s who passed away on October 31 at a Billings hospital. She was vaccinated and had underlying medical conditions.
- A man in his 90s, who passed away on October 30 at a Billings hospital. He was not vaccinated and had underlying medical conditions.
- A woman in her 70s, who passed away on October 30 at a Billings hospital. She was not vaccinated and had underlying medical conditions.
- A man in his 80s, who passed away on October 30 at a local long-term care facility. He was vaccinated and had underlying medical conditions.

On Monday, Billings Clinic and St. Vincent Healthcare were caring for 40 COVID-19 patients in ICU; 27 were on ventilators. Altogether, the hospitals had 116 hospitalized COVID-19 patients, including 92 who weren't vaccinated.

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

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

- November 4
- December 9
- December 30

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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