



## Media Information:

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### **Two more county residents die of COVID-19 illness**

**Billings, MT** – Two more deaths of Yellowstone County resident deaths from COVID-19 related illness have been reported, bringing the total county lives lost to 469 since the pandemic began.

The latest COVID-19 victims both died on Friday and had underlying medical conditions that increased their risk of severe illness from the pandemic virus. The deceased include:

- A man in his 50s who was unvaccinated.
- A woman in her 80s who was vaccinated.

On Monday, Billings hospitals had 48 COVID-19 inpatients, including 46 who weren't vaccinated and two who were vaccinated. Among the hospitalized COVID-19 patients, 20 were in ICU and 15 were on ventilators.

RiverStone Health also will offer these free, walk-in community COVID-19 vaccination clinics for people age five and older:

- 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Dec. 18, at MetraPark's Cedar Hall, an older, stucco building near the west end of the area where the carnival sets up during MontanaFair. This pediatric clinic offers children's activities. Children as young as 5 years as well as adults can receive vaccines at this clinic.
- 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Dec. 30 at RiverStone Health, 123 S. 27<sup>th</sup> St., in the four-story building.

All three COVID-19 vaccines approved for use in the United States will be available at these clinics. People can receive first, second and booster doses as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. People who previously had one or two doses should bring their vaccination card. Parents must sign consent forms for children under 18.

Masks are required at the vaccination clinics.

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