



## Media Information:

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### **Four more Yellowstone County residents die of COVID-19**

**Billings, MT** – With four more deaths from COVID-19 illness reported Monday, a total of 496 Yellowstone County residents have died of the pandemic virus since April 2020.

The latest deaths include:

- A man in his 50s, who passed away at a Billings hospital on Jan. 28. He was not vaccinated.
- A man in his 60s, who passed away at a Billings hospital on Jan. 28. He was not vaccinated.
- A woman in her 80s who passed away at a Billings hospital on Jan. 29. She was not vaccinated.
- A woman in her 90s, who passed away at a local long-term care facility on Jan. 23. She was vaccinated, but had not received a booster dose. Her death was identified through a review of death certificates at the Yellowstone County Clerk and Recorder's Office.

All four of these pandemic victims had underlying medical conditions that put them at higher risk for severe COVID-19 illness.

On Monday, Billings hospitals had 87 COVID-19 inpatients, including 53 who weren't vaccinated and 34 who were vaccinated. Among the hospitalized COVID-19 patients, 18 were in ICU and eight were on ventilators.

So far, 3,000 Montanans have died of COVID-19 illness, the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services reports. On Monday, DPHHS reported 3,426 new cases of COVID-19 statewide, including 496 new cases in Yellowstone County.

Vaccination remains the safest, most effective way to reduce risk of COVID-19 illness, hospitalization and death. COVID-19 vaccines are available at local medical clinics and pharmacies. RiverStone Health will offer a free, walk-in community COVID-19 vaccination clinic for people age five and older:

- Thursday, Feb. 10, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Shrine Auditorium, 1125 Broadwater Ave.

Free COVID-19 vaccinations can be scheduled by appointment with the RiverStone Health Immunization Clinic at 406.247.3382. Vaccination also can be scheduled with RiverStone Health Clinic at 406.247.3350.

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