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## Press Release COVID-19 Death in Gallatin County

The Gallatin City-County Health Department is saddened to announce that one more Gallatin County resident has passed away from complications due to COVID-19.

This person was a female in her 60s who passed away in a hospital the week of September 19. The Gallatin City-County Health Department received the official death certificate yesterday that attributed her death to COVID-19.

This latest death makes for a total of 73 COVID-related deaths in Gallatin County. Data on statewide numbers reported by the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services can be found <a href="here">here</a>.

"On behalf of the Gallatin City-County Health Department, we send our heartfelt condolences to this person's family and friends," said Lori Christenson, Gallatin City-County Health Department Health Officer. "Unfortunately, we are reporting this COVID-19 death on a day when 34 people are currently hospitalized in Gallatin County with COVID-19 related illness. As a community, it is imperative that we come together and do our part to help slow the spread of COVID-19. While we are providing booster shots, we must continue to focus on vaccinating those who are not fully vaccinated. Getting everyone 12 and older vaccinated is critical to slowing disease spread and preventing serious illness and more deaths from COVID-19."

According to a recent Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services <u>report</u> with Montana-specific data from the past eight months, 89.5% of all cases, 88.6% of hospitalizations and 83.5% of deaths were among persons not fully vaccinated. COVID-19 associated hospitalizations were five times greater among those who are not fully vaccinated as compared to those who are fully vaccinated.

No further details will be released on this case out of respect for the individual, their family, and friends.

The Gallatin City-County Health Department Call Center is open five days a week, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to answer questions about COVID-19. Any calls received after business hours will be returned the following business day. You can reach the Call Center by phone at 406-548-0123.

The most accurate local source of information remains the GCCHD <u>website</u>. Find information on COVID-19 vaccines in Gallatin County <u>here</u>.

