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**Press Release**

**COVID-19 Death in Gallatin County**

The Gallatin City-County Health Department is deeply saddened to announce that a person residing in Gallatin County passed away due to COVID-19 and other underlying health conditions.

The person was a male in his 50s who was found unresponsive at his home on July 7. Gallatin City-County Health Department was informed Monday that the state medical examiner attributed the death to COVID-19 and a number of significant underlying health conditions.

“We send our deepest condolences to this man’s family and friends,” said Matt Kelley, Gallatin City-County Health Department Health Officer. “We ask that Gallatin County citizens continue taking measures and following guidelines to keep our community safe. The virus remains dangerous and is still in our community. We must stay vigilant to protect ourselves, our families, our friends, and our most vulnerable neighbors.”

Out of respect for the family, no further details will be released.

This is the second death in Gallatin County related to COVID-19. This death is in addition to the 51 total statewide deaths reported today by the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services.

The Gallatin City-County Health Department Call Center is open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to answer questions about COVID-19. Reach the Call Center by phone at 406-548-0123 or email at callcenter@readygallatin.com.

The most accurate local source of information remains the GCCHD website.