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# Cascade County Announces 4th COVID-19 Death

*GREAT FALLS, MT* — The Cascade City-County Health Department is saddened to announce the fourth COVID-19-related death in Cascade County. This death is ***not related*** to the recent outbreak in a Cascade County long-term care facility.

The individual was a male over the age of 65 with underlying health conditions.

"My heart goes out to the family and friends who are grieving this man's death," states Trisha Gardner, Health Officer for Cascade County. "To honor the people whose deaths have been caused by COVID-19, I ask our community to continue to fight the spread of this virus. It's still here with us, and we can protect our own parents and grandparents and neighbors by taking prevention seriously."

Measures proven to slow transmission of COVID-19 include frequent & thorough handwashing, regular disinfection of high-touch surfaces, social distancing, and wearing masks or face coverings in public indoor spaces (as mandated in the Governor's July 15 directive).

As of this morning, there are 70 total deaths listed on the Montana State COVID-19 map. This death will be recorded on the map tomorrow.

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

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