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MEDIA RELEASE

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Re: Columbia County's First COVID 19 Fatality

Columbia County Coroner Jeremy Reese is releasing the following information regarding the first COVID 19 related fatality reported within Columbia County.

On the afternoon of Saturday, April 4th it was reported to me that a patient at Berwick Hospital had died and that the Cause of Death was ruled as Respiratory Failure and Pneumonia due to COVID 19 according to the Physician at the Berwick Hospital who treated the decedent. Per the Hospital the Decedent had a confirmed positive test for COVID 19.

The decedent is a 56 year old male, a nursing home resident from a local nursing home, admitted to the hospital, who had other pre-existing medical conditions which most likely contributed to his death from COVID 19.

The name of the decedent and the nursing home where the decedent resided prior to his hospital admission will not be released by this office. Berwick Hospital Center and the PA Department of Health may elect to release additional information at their discretion.