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MEDIA RELEASE

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Re: Columbia County COVID Fatality Update

Columbia County Coroner Jeremy Reese is releasing the following statement regarding the deaths associated with COVID 19 reported within Columbia County to the Coroner's Office.

Today the Pennsylvania Department of Health reported 8 COVID Deaths in Columbia County. In addition to the deaths previously reported by my office 5 new deaths related to COVID 19 have been reported to the Columbia County Coroner's Office.

An 89 year old male COVID positive patient who died on Saturday April 18th, at The Gardens at Orangeville Nursing Home in Orangeville.

A 63 year old male patient who was exposed to COVID 19 and showed symptoms of COVID 19 prior to his death on Saturday April 18th, at The Gardens at Orangeville

An 88 year old Female COVID positive patient who died on Sunday, April 19th at The Gardens at Orangeville.

A 92 year old Female COVID positive patient who died on Monday April 20th, at Berwick Retirement Village 1.

An 87 year old Female COVID positive patient who died on Tuesday April 21, 2020 at Berwick Retirement Village 1.

In addition to the deaths noted above, the Luzerne County Coroner's Office notified me of an additional death of a Berwick Retirement Village 1 resident who died at a hospital in Luzerne County.

Most if not all of these deaths would not be included in the number of deaths reported by the PA Department of Health today, the PA Department of Health reported number of deaths for Columbia County will continue to increase in the upcoming days.

The 3 deaths reported above are the first 3 deaths reported from The Gardens at Orangeville making it the second Skilled Nursing Facility within the County having multiple deaths related to COVID 19. I have reviewed the deaths at Berwick Retirement Village and the Orangeville Facility with both Administration and the Facility Physicians at both locations.