



# COLUMBIA COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE



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## MEDIA RELEASE

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For Immediate Release

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.

Line 1	Number of Deaths In Columbia County reported by PA DOH on 04/23/2020	7
Line 2	Number of New COVID Positive Deaths Reported to Columbia County Coroner since 04/21/2020	2
Line 3	Total Number of COVID Positive Deaths Reported to Columbia County Coroner to Date	10

### Definition of Statistics:

**Line 1:** PA Department of Health Number of Deaths for Columbia County released daily by the PA DOH. This includes Columbia County residents who died within the County and Columbia County residents who died at locations outside of the County but reside Columbia County

**Line 2:** New deaths occurring within the geographical jurisdiction of the Columbia County that have been referred to the Columbia County Coroner for review and/or reporting since the prior public release of information. This number does not reflect Columbia County residents who died outside of the County.

**Line 3:** Total number of deaths occurring within the geographical jurisdiction of the Columbia County that have been referred to the Columbia Coroner for review and/or reporting. This number includes the number of cases in Line 2 in addition to previously reported cases to my office.. This number does not reflect Columbia County residents who died outside of the County.

**Summary of New Cases:**

A 65 year old Female resident of The Gardens at Orangeville who dies on Wednesday April 22<sup>nd</sup> due to complications from COVID 19.

An 86 year old Male resident of The Gardens at Orangeville who dies on Thursday April 23<sup>rd</sup> due to complications from COVID 19.

Both decedents tested positive for COVID 19 and both had symptoms consistent with COVID 19 illness prior to their death after conferring with both the Orangeville Nursing staff and the Physicians involved in the care of the decedents.

**Additional Comments or Information:**

I would ask that the Community to continue to support the Staff and Administration as they deal with these increased number of deaths from this Natural borne illness at their facilities. In a small community like Columbia County these people are not just patients to these healthcare providers on the front lines but they are family or member of families of friends of the healthcare workers who are doing their very best to provide the best care in the most challenging of times.