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COVID-19 Update Friday, May 8, 2020

The following updated, cumulative data reflects COVID-19 related deaths for Lehigh County residents, that have been reported to our office. The Lehigh County Coroner's Office offers this information to educate and inform the residents of Lehigh County on the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact to our community.

Municipality of Residence	Deaths
Allentown	45
Bethlehem	14
Catasauqua	1
Fountain Hill	8
Heidelberg Township	1
Lower Macungie Township	30
Lynn Township	1
Salisbury Township	6
South Whitehall Township	33
Upper Macungie Township	3
Upper Saucon Township	1
Whitehall Township	12
<i>Total Lehigh County Residents</i>	<i>155</i>

The average age of these 155 residents was 80.38 years old. 50.3% of the residents were male and 49.7% were female. This data includes test confirmed positive cases and presumed positive cases, as determined by the medical certifier. 81% of these deaths were confirmed positive by testing and 19% fall in to the presumed positive category. 67% of these decedents were residents of long term care facilities in Lehigh County.

The staff of the Lehigh County Coroner's Office continues to serve the residents of Lehigh County 24 hours a day, 7 days a week throughout this pandemic. Our staff continues to investigate deaths of those individuals who die within the County and serve their families. For the month of April, we saw a greater than 55% increase in the number of investigations from this same time period in 2019. To date,

our staff of 25 investigators and forensics center staff are well-equipped with appropriate personal protective equipment, with thanks to Lehigh County Emergency Management, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and several donations from the our generous community. Additionally, through proper supply and use of personal protective equipment, as well as strict adherence to established safety guidelines; all staff remain healthy.

We wish our most sincere condolences to the families affected as well thoughts of strength and healing to our entire Lehigh County community.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'EMM', is positioned below the word 'Respectfully,'.

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