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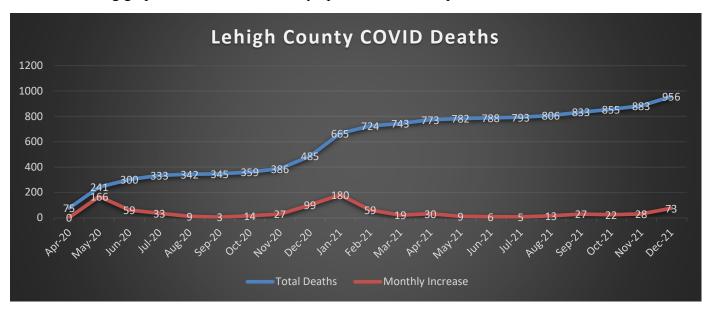
## **COVID-19 Update** Friday, December 31, 2021

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 |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| Alburtis                      | 2      |
| Allentown                     | 301    |
| Bethlehem                     | 146    |
| Catasauqua                    | 13     |
| Coopersburg                   | 3      |
| Coplay                        | 5      |
| Emmaus                        | 8      |
| Fountain Hill                 | 22     |
| Heidelberg Township           | 6      |
| Lower Macungie Township       | 68     |
| Lower Milford Township        | 1      |
| Lowhill Township              | 7      |
| Lynn Township                 | 2      |
| Macungie                      | 8      |
| North Whitehall Township      | 30     |
| Salisbury Township            | 34     |
| Slatington                    | 4      |
| South Whitehall Township      | 114    |
| Upper Macungie Township       | 31     |
| Upper Milford Township        | 13     |
| Upper Saucon Township         | 21     |
| Washington Township           | 14     |
| Weisenberg Township           | 10     |
| Whitehall Township            | 93     |
| Total Lehigh County Residents | 956    |

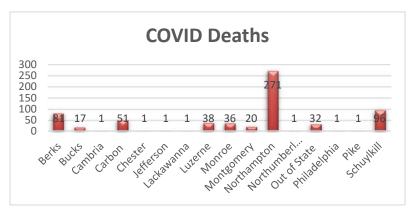
The average age of these 956 residents was 78.5 years old. 50.8% of the residents were male and 49.2% were female. This data includes test confirmed positive cases and presumed positive cases, as determined by the medical certifier. 97% of these deaths were confirmed positive by testing (923) and 4% fall in to the presumed positive category (33). 50% of these decedents were residents of long term care facilities in Lehigh County.

The following graph summarizes the weekly updates since last April.



In addition to the 956 Lehigh County residents that have died of COVID-19, an additional 649 deaths of non-Lehigh County residents have occurred within Lehigh County healthcare facilities. The following graph illustrates that breakdown.

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.



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

Respectfully,

Eric D. Minnich, D-ABMDI

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