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Image caption: COVID-19 Weekly Deaths in Chester County

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The Chester County Coroner’s Office is releasing data showing that the number of new COVID-19 deaths reported for the past week was 39, down from a high of 56 in the week ending April 19, 2020.

The first confirmed COVID-19 death in Chester County occurred on March 28, 2020, with rapid increases in the number of deaths reported weekly thereafter. As of midnight May 3, 2020, the cumulative number of COVID-19 deaths reported to the Coroner’s Office since March 28 was 196. The Coroner’s Office counts all deaths that occur within Chester County, regardless of residence of the decedent.

“This is encouraging,” said Chester County Coroner Christina VandePol. “While we mourn the loss of 39 more souls to the novel coronavirus pandemic this past week, we are finally seeing an effect from all the sacrifices everyone is making. There are still new hot spots popping up, so no one should think it’s over, but we are hopeful this downward trend will continue.”