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Dear Colleagues:

The Secretary of Health, Rachel Levine, M.D., conveyed the following information to caucus leaders today:

Sadly, 3,106 of our citizens have died due to Covid-19. The average age of those that have passed away is 79 years old.

To date, of these 3,106 deaths, 2,108 of these persons lived in nursing homes, personal care homes and assisted living residences. That means 67.9% those who have died lived in these types of settings.

Of the 3,106 persons who have died, 11.9% had 4 comorbidities, 22.7% had 3 comorbidities, 27.2% had 2 comorbidities, 22.6% had 1 comorbidity and 11% had zero comorbidities. While these percentages only add up to 95.4%, these were the statistics that were provided to us verbally.

Of the 3,106 persons who died, 61% had hypertension, 54% had heart disease, 37% had diabetes and 30% had chronic pulmonary disease.

According to the Hospital and Health System Association of Pennsylvania (HAP), citing Pennsylvania Department of Health statistics, there are 37,000 beds in Pennsylvania hospitals. As of today, 2,572 of these beds were occupied by Covid-19 patients, which amounts to 6.95%.

There are only 539 patients in the hospitals on ventilators, which amounts to 1.46% of all hospital beds.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Turzai".

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