



Mayor Vieau - COVID-19 Situational Update

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The City of Chicopee has transitioned to daily updates as the COVID-19 situation has warranted a centralized/increase in the distribution of information. These updates are intended to keep all informed of the actions being taken to reduce the impacts of Coronavirus on the community.

On Wednesday, April 8, 2020, the following City of Chicopee Departments has reported:

Mayor's Office

- Daily meeting with COVID-19 leadership team to assess priority items and responses
- Continued coordination with City health and emergency management
- Continued efforts in response of services, relief, and recovery measures to the best interest of the Chicopee community
- Continuing efforts to secure PPE for our City Departments with emphasis to CPD/CFD
- Maintaining Municipal services
- Working with Community Development to allocate funds to Lorraine's Soup Kitchen to help stock shelves

Health Department

- **80 Active cases as of 04/8/2020 10:11 AM**
- Concern over Governors Order to change to 40% occupancy – could cause increases in cases due
 - COVID-19 Task Force will check in with each business to ensure adherence to 6ft order
- Maintaining message to remain in social isolation
- Tracing is mandatory
- Code Enforcement Team continues health code enforcement with assistance of CPD – 1 added SPD

Police Department

- Police Academy shutdown until May 4th
- Continue existing operations with Coronavirus prevention operations in place w/plans for public safety in the event officers become symptomatic
- COVID-19 Case Summary of Police Department – None to date
- Outfit public safety personnel with personal protection equipment (PPE)



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- Getting equipment delivered - PPE
- C-3 - working with Lorraine's Soup Kitchen to help the homeless during this pandemic
 - LSK is offering food w/bag lunches
- Interstate Towing – offered use of garage to CFD/CPD City Vehicle for sanitization using a touch free system

Fire Department

- Big E – becoming a testing site for **First Responders Only** – To open Thursday, April 9, 2020
 - Will not need to present with symptoms to qualify for testing
- Still needs N95 Masks
- COVID-19 Case Summary of Fire Department
 - 1 tested/confirmed cases
 - 3 self-quarantine cases
 - 1 quarantine released case
- Lockboxes will be available for installation if Emergency/Extenuating Case arises

Council on Aging

- 80+ House [phone]calls made by police on 04/07/2020
 - 22 visits made in person for no-responses
- Wellness Checks for over 800+ -divided among staff for check-in calls
 - Food needs
 - Medical needs
- Special Prepared Dinners and Weekend packages available
 - Grab and Go - 8+ orders
 - Meals on Wheels – 150+ delivered daily
 - More advertisement and press for 04/09/2020

DPW

- Potholes have become priority and citizens are encouraged to use SeeClickFix.com
- Continue existing operations with Coronavirus prevention operations in place
- Utilizing creative ways to rotate staff and provide city services



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- Yellow Bags will continue to be required due to reduced staff and social distancing issues.
- Drop off station will remain open for drop-off

Parks Department

- Easter Egg Hunt on Social Media has received lots of Encouraging Feedback
- Postponement of programs is continuing
- Will start filling and repairs on park fields during the good weather days
- Parks are still open – people are walking and maintaining social distancing

School Department

- Working remotely with vendors (over \$10,000 requires multiple signatures)
- 20,000+ meals given out weekly through the Chicopee Fresh food sites
 - Not doing dinners at this time
- Working on possible plan for 'truant officers' for students not checking in with teachers
- 70% of teachers deciding to work through April Break w/honoring Patriots Day off

Emergency Management

- OSHA Coordinator Soja assigned to PPE orders
 - Requests to MEMA are continuing – 3 to 4 weeks turnaround
 - Will order Hand sanitizer from Water Dept. supplier
 - 10 cases (12 bottle per case)
- Wash station to be delivered on 04/09/2020 – to outside C-3 station for
 - EM will handle to the refill and cleaning of wash station

Veterans Department

- Staff is rotating 1 body in office on Wed and Thur only and remainder works from home
- Staff is continually taking applications for benefits and reimbursement processing from home
 - Still filing appropriate requests for state, federal benefits just at a slower pace
- Continuing outreach to veterans for food scarcity and food resources
 - Will be hosting one in Agawam this week – enough food for 2 Adults for 14 days
 - Holyoke Soldiers Home - 25 deaths to-date