



## 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 Thursday, April 9, 2020, the following City of Chicopee Departments has reported:

### Mayor's Office

- Press Advisory was well publicized and message of Don't Browse in stores was covered well by news outlets
- MEMA has activated a virtual command center and now physical presence
- Spoke with Lt. Governor and expect more guidance on numbers of customers and employees allowed in stores
- Lt. Governor also indicated first responders would be getting supply deliveries from MEMA
- Holyoke Medical Center offered to provide us with supplies if we are at a critical shortage and they have shields if needed
- Fire Department had indicated they had goggles and shields if other departments need them
- Maintaining Municipal services but closed all day Friday

### Health Department

- **83 Total To-Date as of 04/9/2020 10:10 AM - all demographics and ages**
  - 83 tested/confirmed cases with 4 added yesterday
  - 9 recovered cases – Arnolds Meats to recover 9 people
  - 1 death
- Maintaining message to remain in social isolation
- Tracing is mandatory and one School Department Nurse has joined to help with tracing
- We have not received any pushback from store owners on numbers of customers allowed in stores
- Code Enforcement Team continues health code enforcement with assistance of CPD

### Police Department



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- Have one officer in self-quarantine who will return tomorrow as testing is good and 14 days over as this was a contact case
- Stores are continuing with our numbers as employees feel safer and lines moving well
- Call volumes are down and arrests are also down
- If someone wants an appointment for services they must go through the Chief's office

### Fire Department

- The Ambulance staff is disinfecting their vehicles when leaving the hospital and have a private company to deep clean ambulances if needed which is the same as non-COVID cases
- PPE was received inventoried by Emergency Management and distributed to each station
- Reduction in calls
- COVID-19 Case Summary of Fire Department
  - 1 tested/confirmed cases
  - 3 self-quarantine cases
  - All 4 back next week
  - Have thermometers and checking staff twice a day with anyone with a fever must return home or seek medical attention

### Emergency Management

- MEMA partial shipment has received this morning and distributed to Police and Fire
- When placing orders we are being asked our burn rate and inventory as want to distribute from stockpile only want is needed immediately to reduce any hoarding of PPE
  - C-3 - working with the homeless during this pandemic distributing bag lunches and wash station will be operational tomorrow with 40 Gallon soap and water washing station to be manned by EM

### Council on Aging

- 250+ House calls made to seniors
- Working on no call back or pick up with 2 police officers
- Special Prepared Dinners and Weekend packages available
  - Grab and Go - 15+ orders since start on 04/03/2020



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- Meals on Wheels – still assisting with sign-ups

### DPW

- Concerns with masks for workers with cloth masks being delivered to workers
- Have layer protection with carbon filters used in masks
- Will start smaller staff on Sanitation on Monday to prevent against all workers being quarantined by contact with each other
- Will pick up trash on Friday
- Pink bags are still being put out for pick-up. Will have call to remind citizens that pink bags are not being picked-up during this pandemic

### Parks Department

- Parks are still open – people are walking and maintaining social distancing
- Working with vendor on events with postponing them and working through schedule going forward
- Virtual activities are being planned with a virtual egg hunt and virtual painting/art program

### Treasurer's Department

- Spending on COVID is being tracked with coding
- Checks are being mailed with no in hand delivery. More sign-ups for direct deposit