



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 Monday, April 13, 2020, the following City of Chicopee Departments has reported:

Mayor's Office

- There were a number of activities for the Easter Weekend that residents appreciated and many reported having a nice weekend
- Saturday had a briefing with Mayor's across the US and all are watching the curve for peak and plateau to determine if we are at the end of the beginning
- Some other urban areas have been hit hard and Chicopee has been criticized on both extremes with some saying we are restricting individuals rights and liberties and other critical that we are not enforcing a stay at home order to keep people safe
- Reaching out to lenders to ask them to work with individuals on delinquent mortgages and payment/deferment plans

Health Department

- **106 Cases total to-date as of 04/13/2020 10:15 AM - showing all demographics and ages**
 - 18 recovered cases
 - 1 death
- Nurses are working to identify contacts and self-quarantine messages
- Asinoff Elderly housing has two cases and the focus will be on elderly housing

Police Department

- Have no officers in self-quarantine and all have returned to work
- Dispatch is well staffed and using masks
- Stores are still using our numbers for customers and employees based on social distancing
- Stores want to get back to normal but understand need to limit customers and not following 40% maximum capacity

- Stores are continuing with Chicopee Health Department numbers as employees feel safer and lines are moving well
- Have PPE but watching burn rate.
 - Ordered goggles and received them this weekend
 - Hand sanitizer have one week supply – ordering more
 - Need nitro gloves, gave latex gloves to DPW
- VT saw our process on Facebook and is implementing our system across VT and restricting non-essential sales of items
- Have empathy for stores and businesses as they are hurting during outbreak as 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
- Dispatchers are now using surgical masks as we want to protect our dispatch staff

Fire Department

- One firefighter in quarantine. All the rest are back at work
- Latex gloves given to CELD and cloth masks given to CELD
- Still seeing a lot of gloves on the ground in parking lots and need to get word out to dispose of properly
 - Implement a fine for non-compliance and littering

Emergency Management

- PPE good to mid-week with Fire Department order put in this week
- Case of hand sanitizer received and distributed to Fire, Police, Health Dept., and DPW
- More PPE will be received this week
- Need about 100 masks and cloth masks need for DPW Sanitation workers
- Wash station being maintained

DPW

- Need daily use masks for workers and more cloth masks. Could order 200 paper masks but they are one day use and cost \$2 per mask so cloth would be better if we can obtain them
- Sanitation Dept. rotation started today and is going well
- Weather prediction of strong winds which may produce trees being knocked down. Forestry crews are on alert and DPW workers ready to assist
- DPW has goggles and can provide them to Sanitation workers
- Vehicles are disinfected daily and work place disinfected at least weekly

Council on Aging

- 800+ House [phone]calls made to seniors
- Working on no call back or pick up with 2 police officers –
 - The officers continue to check-in daily and are sent out with the list of people who aren't answering their wellness phone calls.
 - Delivering one meal today for someone who does not have transportation.
- Constant contact with our wellness callers who send e-mail and phone updates daily.
- Special Prepared Dinners and Weekend packages available
 - Grab and Go - 26+ orders
 - Meals on Wheels – still assisting with sign-ups
 - Utilizing Community Development Block Grant to pay for the curbside meal service.