



Mayor Vieau - COVID-19 Situational Update

We are in this together!

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 16, 2020, the following City of Chicopee Departments has reported:

Mayor's Office

- The Chicopee Municipal Airport at Westover will be receiving \$69,000 in COVID mitigation funds from the CARES Act
- Media Advisory will be tonight at 4:00 pm in the City Council Chambers
 - Main Message will be to wear a mask if you go outside following the Governor's guidance
 - The numbers for COVID-19 cases are being published by the MA Department of Health by city.
 - We match the State when we add those from the Soldier's Home or nursing homes outside of Chicopee.
 - We do not include these numbers because exposure was not in Chicopee
- The Governor informed cities that health and beauty aids and school supplies are essential items.
 - Stores can provide these items for any customer asking a store associate for them and the item would be provided for purchase

Health Department

- **148 confirmed cases to date as of 04/16/2020 - showing all demographics and ages**
 - There are 74 active cases, 60 recovered, 13 non-Chicopee Resident, and 1 death
 - Addition of six cases but one was from an External Assisted Living Facility - only 5 from Chicopee.
- Nurses continue to work to identify contacts and provide self-quarantine notices

Police Department

- No new officers in self-quarantine
 - Awaiting test results for one officer sent for testing
- Officers continue to work with the Board of Health and Council on Aging on wellness checks

- If anyone wants to donate PPE the Police Station will accept the items and can forward them to the appropriate department
 - EM received another MEMA delivery at the headquarters and inventoried the items
- Universal Plastics indicated they are making face shields and would be willing to provide some to Chicopee if we needed them
- There are about 80 cloth masks at the Police Department that are available for the DPW if needed
- Some businesses are looking congested at the registers and have taken steps to reduce the congregation of people near the registers
 - One was reworking the register area to allow for more distancing

Fire Department

- A couple firefighters were sent for testing and awaiting results
- The PPE order from MEMA was received

Emergency Management

- EM is placing all orders into MEMA.
 - An order was received today
- Wash station near C-3 Police being used by homeless and maintained

DPW

- Working with limited staffing and all essential services continue
- There have been calls about curbside pick-up and will be addressed with a robo call
- Will be at advisory tonight to help explain services
- Continuing to sweep streets

Schools

- Helping to provide school supplies to students who are asking for them
- Parents are printing online work so more ink is being used at homes
- Schools must process about \$100,000 in refunds for pre-school day care for time not provided to families
- Have ordered 100 laptops
- Schools have a bus going around to provide supplies to parents who do not have on-line capabilities
 - Second bus will deliver equipment needed for special needs students and laptops for students taking the AP exam. [The AP exam should be taken on a laptop]

Treasurer's Office

- Document expenses to reimbursement through FEMA
- Processing POs for PPE and coordinating with EM