



## 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 Friday, April 30, 2020, the following City of Chicopee Departments has reported:

### Mayor's Office

- The Governor has indicated the numbers reported may be less than the number of cases
  - physicians have been telling symptomatic individuals to stay home and they have not been tested
  - BOH has already recognized this discrepancy and feel our number accurately match the reported cases
- Different communities were reviewed and it appears Chicopee is doing well with social distancing and reducing infections
- More states are considering re-opening non-essential businesses and we will watch their numbers
- The vehicle parade for health care professional and medical personnel was a success and they appreciated the Police and Fire showing support for them
- We have extended the stay at home order until May 18<sup>th</sup> and will continue the 9 to 4 hours
- There is a Donate Life flag raising ceremony today

### Health Department

- We have 254 cases with 107 open cases and 118 people who have recovered and 4 deaths as of today. We have 25 cases that are not Chicopee cases as the individuals were living in nursing homes in other communities.
- There was a cluster identified at the Chicopee Rehab Nursing Center
  - National Guard tested all the residents.
  - None of the residents tested positive.
  - It was deemed a cluster because four employees/staff were tested positive and all 4 lived in Springfield. Note: Three were dietitians and one an LPN - The National Guard may re-test residents in a couple days

- We are telling individuals if they have symptoms to stay home and treat it as if it is COVID
- We did have one case where the person was non-compliant with the Health Department and moved to Springfield to live with her boyfriend.
  - We have notified the Springfield Health Department of the individual
- Worcester and Springfield numbers are believed to reflect the big box stores not enforcing strict social distancing

#### **Police Department**

- Staffing is good with all officers reporting to work
- The parade for Health care providers was well received and we had excellent representation by Chicopee Police and Fire.
  - The staff along the route were excited and waving in thanks of our support

#### **Fire Department**

- The Fire Department has two fire fighters who went for testing and all others are reporting for duty
- PPE from MEMA is adequate and we are not in immediate need of equipment

#### **Emergency Management**

- Things are steady and services are being provided to all Departments
- We have adequate PPE for our departments
  - The Veterans Department received masks and materials.
  - The masks from Auditing Department were appreciated
  - DPW needs 15 more masks and will be delivered
  - Will check in with Library to see if they need additional masks

#### **COA**

- The cadets are helping with meals and phones
- 150 meals will delivered on Friday

#### **DPW**

- Department is steady with staffing for all areas
- Filling pot holes is delayed due to the weather conditions

#### **School Department**

- We have seen a spike in student engagement with 65% of students engaged
- Another 700 Chrome Books were distributed
- Discussions on graduation continue and that may have helped with student engagement.

- State will not require MCAS tests and if a student needs credits they want to move forward and graduate
- We are bringing back our administrative, custodial, and clerical staff.
  - Bringing them back slowly and safely
- Schools are cleaning up files, purchasing consumables and getting ready for things in August 2020