



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 Monday, May 4, 2020, the following City of Chicopee Departments has reported:

Mayor's Office

- Mass Municipal Association was briefed by a Doctor from Massachusetts General Hospital on reopening
 - Advisory Board is meeting six to seven hours a day
 - Reopening may be different by category
 - Need community testing in place and need more testing available
 - Must have ability to quarantine those who are infected and contagious
 - Must have contact tracing to contain the spread of COVID-19
- Question will be what to do about children with schools closed.
 - Child care will be a concern
- Ran through three scenarios
 - At peak now and small waves in the future
 - Peak now and series of smaller out breaks in 2021
 - Peak now, stable and then another peak in fall
- No one wants to re-close
- Community Tracing Collaborative is in place and cities and towns can work with them for tracing

Health Department

- We have 124 open cases and 127 people who have recovered. We have four deaths.
 - Seeing more clustered outbreaks from families with two or three cases in a household
- There is disagreement with the mask/face cover order.
 - Getting pushback on wearing a mask
 - Wearing a mask is in respect for others and helping others so they do not spread the virus
 - Wearing a mask shows respect for our healthcare professionals, the medical community, our first responders and the at risk population of elderly and those with a medical condition
 - If people want a mask the Health Department has over 1,000 they can distribute

- Issue is more political than safety with some people complaining

Police Department

- Staffing is healthy with all officers reporting to work
- Busy weekend but not COVID related
- When discussing masks with individuals Police explain the facts and the science behind wearing a mask. They will not argue the political aspects of wearing a mask

Fire Department

- The Fire Department had two fire fighters subject to testing and results were negative
- Providing services and not issues with response times or calls

Emergency Management

- Things are continuing and services are being provided
- We will work with Health Department and deliver masks if requested
- Able to hand out masks through Chicopee Fresh or Senior Center if needed

COA

- We are handing out masks to seniors and through food pick up
- Will be handing out masks at grocery stores to seniors tomorrow during senior shopping hours
- Will have 140 meals today
 - seniors appreciate the meals, just miss the companionship and sense of community at the Senior Center
- The Boys and Girls Club will begin dinner meals this week to supplement the Schools breakfast and lunch programs

DPW

- Department is status quo and providing services with staffing for all areas
- Will be out fixing pot holes this week