



## 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, May 7, 2020, the following City of Chicopee Departments has reported:

### Mayor's Office

- The next stimulus package from the federal government is expected to be voted upon in a few days. It is projected to contain aid for lost revenue to cities and towns
- The stimulus funding through the state and SBA is providing liquidity to our businesses and we have helped 30 small businesses in Chicopee
- The stimulus monies will help with the V-shaped recovery projections and get us back to a quick return of economic activity
- Many individuals are excited about reopening but the MA numbers are not at the point to justify a quick return
- This is not the average flu and fatality rates are 6% in Massachusetts and the flu fatality rate is less than 1% so we must get the infection rates and recovery rates better before substantial reopening

### Health Department

- We have 108 open cases and 15 people who have recovered. We have four deaths. We received 7 new cases today. One case was sent to Chicopee but the person really lives in Holyoke
- We are working on opening non-essential aisles in essential stores
  - Customers and employees must wear masks
  - Social distancing must continue
  - The store would maintain the same number of people allowed into the store
  - There would be lines on the aisles directing people a certain way
  - Gloves would be required if necessary
  - If a store does not want to open the areas they would not be require to open them

### Police Department

- Staffing is status quo with one officer waiting for test results
- Summer schedule is being planned as vacation season approaches

- The deaths reports by age bracket are: 0 for 0-19; 3 for 20-29; 13 for 30-39; 38 for 40-49 and then a big jump in the numbers for those older than 50 years old. This will make younger people think they can go out and not worry about social distancing as they will recover. Problem is they are putting their parents and grandparents at risk
- Expect an uptick in the fall on the number of cases
- Coronavirus is quick to catch
- Working on vaccine and treatments
- We had our first ordinance violation and a \$300 fine was imposed
- Officers will be delivering the phased in opening letter to businesses and Officers will spot check businesses for compliance
- If businesses follow the social distancing and mask orders we should be alright
- Stores should keep elderly hours based upon the numbers we reviewed

### **Fire Department**

- The Fire Department is status quo with staff in place and services continuing

### **Emergency Management**

- Things are continuing and services are being provided
- PPE is adequate and we have enough cloth masks to continue to distribute

### **COA**

- Distributed masks yesterday at another grocery store and well received

### **DPW**

- Department is status quo and staffing is good
- The pink bag pickup will resume immediately