



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, May 8, 2020, the following City of Chicopee Departments has reported:

Mayor's Office

- Swearing in three Police Officers
- Promotion of two firefighters to Lieutenant
- Press Release today:
 - Reopening non-essential aisles in essential stores if business decides to allow
 - Library will be postponing some summer programs and moving some to virtual. Will have a summer reading program and handing out masks to public
 - Golf course will reopen on Monday
 - Postponing Downtown GetDown and 4th of July Fireworks
 - Departements are collaborating on New Event when possible to gather again
- There were 1,700 new cases in MA with currently 74,000 cases in quarantine, 132 new deaths with a death total of over 4,500. Testing has increased dramatically with 12,000 tests in one day
- Western Mass Mayors held a meeting and are looking towards a regional approach to reopen businesses. Difficultly will be child and elder care, testing and PPE, developing procedures and guidelines and barriers to opening

Health Department

- We have 125 open cases, 155 people who have recovered. We have five deaths.
 - Within the new cases - two are family members so it is inferred that families are the trend
- The State contact tracing is taking on some of our cases
- Opening non-essential aisles of essential businesses - *at the discretion of the business*

Police Department

- Staffing is status quo with all shifts operating

- In an inspection of businesses only two customers did not wear a mask so compliance has been good
- Receiving a lot of calls on the opening of non-essential business aisles
- Explaining to people we need them to wear masks because we do not want to go backwards and start closing things down again

Fire Department

- The Fire Department is status quo with staff in place and services continuing
- Taking temperatures at the door and have thermometers if other departments need them
- Believes we should place Plexiglas barriers between city workers and the public at offices for safety of public and employees

Emergency Management

- Things are continuing and services are being provided
- PPE was provided to the golf course for opening on Monday
- Parks summer program is being planned
 - Need for masks and thermometers - is being worked on
- Working on needs for summer cooling stations

COA

- Have 250 meals today and continuing to distribute groceries to seniors
 - Handing out a rose to mothers today with meal
 - Distribute masks at a pharmacy store next Tuesday
- Gave out 100 masks yesterday and n 100

DPW

- Department is status quo and staffing is good
- Forestry was at the golf course to trim trees
- Street sweeper was at Szot Park to clean parking lots and help for graduation taping
- Pot holes continue to be filled