



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 11, 2020, the following City of Chicopee Departments has reported:

Mayor's Office

- Our numbers are showing we are flattening the curve in Chicopee.
 - Our numbers for infections and new cases are trending down.
 - MA death rate is also stabilizing and down from April
- The number of people tested has increased
 - Seeing the number of positive results decreasing
- Western MA has adequate ICU beds, regular hospital beds, and treatment available
- Chicopee will follow the Governor's Advisory Committee on re-opening

Health Department

- We have 121 open cases, 169 people who have recovered and 5 deaths.
 - 30 people listed as N/A which are from another non-Chicopee facility or not recognized as a Chicopee address.
 - 3 new cases on Saturday and 5 new cases on Sunday
- The results show health care workers and families of health care workers trend
- The virus is running through our community and more individuals are developing antibodies to the virus
- Chicopee opened non-essential aisles of essential businesses - at the discretion of the business
 - The weekend results went well

Police Department

- Staffing is status quo with all shifts reporting
- We had inspections Friday night to see compliance by stores with the mask orders.
 - Compliance with the orders seemed good

- The Dugout Café was running a bar in the basement and unit investigated premise and had served a Cease and Desist Order from the Health Department to stop all activities
 - 4 people drinking in basement
 - 1 drinking upstairs
 - Bartender in basement
 - 20 bottles open, empty or being consumed
- A bank had staff and tellers not wearing masks.
 - Requested they comply with order.
 - Had an order faxed to them and had to discuss the benefits of complying with the order.
 - They were wearing masks today
- Getting requests from pool services to provide curb side delivery of chemicals.
 - Told them to request state deem them ‘essential’ and we would support the request

Fire Department

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

Emergency Management

- Things are continuing and services are being provided
- Went to Agawam today to pick up remaining order from MEMA
- Parks summer program is being planned and need for masks and thermometers is being worked out
- Working on needs for summer cooling stations

COA

- Have 175 meals today
- Need refrigerator and freezer space
 - Working with schools to use space

DPW

- Department is status quo and staffing is good.
 - One employee was hospitalized with pneumonia
 - COVID-19 test came back as negative
- Groups of employees are in two shifts so would not lose entire department with an outbreak
- All facilities were sanitized so staff would not be exposed if test was positive

School Department

- In the process of creating a task force to reopen schools when possible
 - Scheduling classes
 - Opening non-classrooms

- Students activities
 - Community activities and sports
- Social anxiety is higher so developing plans to address public interaction
- Cap and gown distribution was well received