



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 15, 2020, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

Mayor's Office

- 'City of Chicopee Update' robocall set for today at 5:30 PM
 - Hopes to lift spirits and introduce phased opening by state
 - Waiting on guidance from Governor on Monday, May 18th
- The Governor has given us no indication which businesses will be allowed to open on Monday.
 - Indicated it IS a deliberative approach to withhold any information/hints to what would open first or how
 - No hints will be provided until correct information is released on Monday, the 18th.
 - It was indicated that only businesses that would be able to distance and not have customer interaction or very limited customer interaction
- Told a couple of businesses will be opening on Monday in Chicopee (these businesses have been approved per Governor's Office – required approach to opening with social distancing guidelines)
 - Pool Supply – 'spa/pool chemicals' are essential
 - Automated Car Washes
 - as long as patron doesn't get out of car
 - any bay with spray gun still not allowed to open

Health Department

- We have 129 open cases, 179 people who have recovered and six deaths.
 - We have 31 people listed as N/A which are from another non-Chicopee facility or not recognized as a Chicopee address.
 - 9 cases with multiple members in same household
- COVID Task Force will be continue to visit stores and businesses to check compliance
 - Generally most have been in compliance

Police Department

- One positive staff member who is currently isolated
 - Remaining staff is status quo with all shifts reporting and reminding them to wear masks
- Working with Health Department on business reopening
 - Education of businesses and public is necessary

Fire Department

- The Department is status quo with staff in place and services continuing
- Testing site going to M-F open | Sa ½ Day | Su Closed
 - May need to retest as tests are just a point in time

DPW

- Status quo on staffing and providing services
- Planning more work projects as staffing increases
- Department has adequate PPE with some cloth masks and surgical masks if others are in short supply