



## 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 18, 2020, the following City of Chicopee Departments has reported:

### Mayor's Office

- Governor's phase 1 reopening is starting today.
  - Manufacturing, construction, and places of Worship will be allowed to open with restrictions.
  - Many are things we have discussed, hand washing, social distancing, limit on number of people who can enter, no congregating in break rooms or lunch rooms, etc.
  - Everyone must be in cubicle type of dividers
  - The next round of openings will be May 25<sup>th</sup> for additional businesses
  - Enforcement will be approached as informational and educational not confrontational
  - Mental Health (Worry/Anxiety) is another outbreak overwhelming our healthcare system and will pull back openings if that happens but will probably be regional
- Easthampton has closed City Hall until July 1<sup>st</sup>, postponed all summer programs and is keeping pools closed for the summer

### Health Department

- We have 146 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.
- Hospitals are showing adequate capacity and have available ICU beds
- Essential businesses already operating can continue and expand operations within guideline if they self-certify they are in compliance with new guidelines. The businesses are manufacturing, construction, houses of worship, (40% capacity), fire arms, essential retail stores, and healthcare facilities
- On May 25<sup>th</sup> additional business will be opened according to the Governor's office including guidelines on curbside pick up
- Attorney General will issue guidelines on local authority

- Businesses must have signs and attestations of compliance which Chicopee Health Department can require to be filed
- CHD does not have to inspect every business but must address any complaints
- Will be progressive enforcement with education, verbal warnings, written warnings, fines and finally a cease and desist order

#### **Police Department**

- Still have one officer on quarantine and all staffing is status quo with all shifts reporting
- Will work with Health Department on Summer staffing
- Will flash sign reminding everyone to wear a mask
- Approach will be counseling and education

#### **Fire Department**

- The Department is status quo with staff in place and services continuing
- Have adequate PPE for department and building a stockpile in case of second wave

#### **Emergency Management**

- We are status quo with services and continuing
- Expect a PPE delivery from MEMA of 1,400 N-95 masks
- Working on floor stickers for 6 foot distancing
- Will get aisle separators for Collector's and Clerk's hallways

#### **COA**

- We are being helped by staff from the Library and other departments and one employee has returned to work
- There are 120 meals scheduled for delivery
- Need cloth masks to provide to Seniors as they are looking for masks

#### **DPW**

- Status quo on staffing and providing services