



## 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 Tuesday, May 19, 2020, the following City of Chicopee Departments has reported:

### Mayor's Office

- Governor's message of 'Collective success depends on everyone' is the best description of how the reopening is going to work. We must be diligent in education and information.
- Governor changed the 'Stay at Home' order to a 'Safer At Home' order
  - All social distancing guidelines remain enforced
- Continue to monitor reopening with COVID Task Force and CHD.
  - This task will be prudent to continuing to reopen and limiting exposure and avoiding a second wave.
- Continue to deliberate with re-open team to decide when to open municipal buildings
  - Preliminary discussions of opening to public by appointment only. Encouraging public to continue utilizing phone and online services to conduct city related business.
  - Continuing to install safety shields to the any 'open to public' offices
  - Reviewing occupancy levels to meet >25% requirement

### Health Department

- We have 147 open cases, 184 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.
- Starting to receive reopen proposals from area businesses.
  - They are including full plan w/due diligence guidance
  - Informing them that we are sticking to the Governor's guidelines on reopen schedule (at this time)
  - Businesses must have signs and attestations of compliance which Chicopee Health Department can require to be filed

- We are also following the Attorney General guidelines on local authority
  - 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

#### **Emergency Management**

- We are status quo with services and continuing
- Expecting to pickup a PPE order from MEMA of 1,400 N-95 masks (and more cloth masks) tomorrow.
- Working on floor stickers for 6 foot distancing

#### **COA**

- Continue to do wellness checks
- Continue to deliver meals to seniors in need
- Mass Council on Aging is offering trainings for staff and seniors on offering activities and services remotely

#### **DPW**

- Business as usual w/staffing and providing services
- Recently received 'Letters of Approval' and 'Thanks' from residents
  - Many regarding College Street resurfacing
- Yellow Bag Relief
  - Majority of DPW staff feels safer with 'yellow bag' pickup the way it is currently 'not free.'
  - Giving away yellow bags would increase DPW staffs exposure due to the inability to automate pickup of yellow bags
  - Suggestion of a possible 'free white bag pick up week' in coming month