



## 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 Thursday, May 21, 2020, the following City of Chicopee Departments has reported:

### Mayor's Office

- The data on COVID from the state and US is showing an increase.
  - The US has shown a record number of cases this morning
  - MA deaths were trending lower for the previous 4 days, but yesterday spiked up at 128 deaths
  - New cases in MA were also trending down, but yesterday showed an increase
  - These numbers are difficult to compare as testing has increased
  - The hospital capacity is trending in a favorable manner
- Golf carts will be allowed on Monday at the golf course which will ease some of the pressure at the course. Also, the Governor may allow limited take out at golf courses which will help some
- Cares Act will provide Chicopee with \$4.9 million in COVID re-imburement. It is limited to reimbursement and must meet specific guidelines to be eligible. If we do not reach the \$4.9 million the question is can any extra be used for revenue gaps? Also, the reimbursements will go through December 31<sup>st</sup> so may not decide on revenue gap for some time

### Health Department

- We have 140 open cases, 200 people who have recovered and six deaths with 36 listed as N/A for a total of 382 cases.
- Car washes are only automated Self-service and all others with an operator must be closed until Monday

### Police Department

- Status quo on department and services with one officer on quarantine
- Working on coding additional officers and overtime as COVID if COVID related and working with Financial team to track and report expenses
- Working with Park Department as the caution tape is ripped down daily on the equipment

## Fire Department

- The Department is status quo with staff in place and responses to all service requests

## Emergency Management

- We are continuing with services and support
- Aisle stanchions were delivered to City Hall
- Office restrictions of 25% of occupancy does not apply to essential services and municipal business
- Plexiglas is being installed in offices with June 1<sup>st</sup> as target date for opening by appointment
- MEMA masks were picked up and delivered to Police and Fire

## COA

- Working on grants for expenses on sanitizing cars. Looking for a better solution to car sanitizing
- The gun/spray cleaners are \$600 to \$1500 each so researching other options

## DPW

- Status quo with full staffing and services are continuing
- Road milling on East Street caused some issues with businesses opening but was handled