



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 22, 2020, the following City of Chicopee Departments has reported:

Mayor's Office

- The data from the state showed 82 deaths in Massachusetts yesterday and the death rate is still trending downward
- The data showed an increase in new cases with over 1,000 new cases per day. We will have a weekend of gatherings so hope the weekend goes well and we do not see an increase in infections in the data a week from now
- If departments are purchasing PPE, (gloves, masks, floor stickers and markings), they should be done through a centralized purchasing process through OSHA Safety and the Treasurer's office

Health Department

- We have 144 open cases, 200 people who have recovered and six deaths
- Car washes can open today as they have submitted plans with provisions for social distancing, wearing masks, and other protections

Police Department

- Status quo on department and services
- Ready for the weekend with plans to break up big parties in parks and public spaces
- Maintain five days' worth of PPE
- If you have ideas for the message boards they are welcome. Want creative and up lifting messages

Fire Department

- The Department is status quo with staffing

- Working on tracking expenses for June 5th submission

Emergency Management

- We are continuing with services and support
- Another MEMA delivery today of hand sanitizer and masks
- Looking at ordering a supply of PPE for use going forward, gloves, masks, sanitizer for use in offices and city departments

COA

- Preparing 350 meals for distribution today. Meat boxes from MA Elder Care will be next week
- Concerned about seniors going out shopping daily and potential exposure
- Working with School Department on freezer space for perishables

CELD

- Staffing is normal and full
- Continuing moratorium on disconnecting service
- Waiting on installs as would need to cut power to a home. Will work on these after school is out so they do not interrupt school lessons and classes

DPW

- Status quo with full staffing
- Plexiglas in municipal offices except for Parks and Waste Water Treatment. Expect them to be completed next week