



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 Wednesday, May 27, 2020, the following City of Chicopee Departments has reported:

Mayor's Office

- The data from the state continues to show progress made on curbing the infection rate with only 422 new cases in Massachusetts report yesterday
- Testing demand is decreasing which shows a lower rate of infection
- We are moving forward with the Governor's Phase One reopening

Health Department

- We have 124 open cases, 232 people who have recovered and six deaths. We had three new case reported
- Car washes are open but we are restricting the use of vacuums as Governor only allows use if a person does not leave their car
- Quarantine includes confirmed cases and any individual who they were physically within six feet for more than 15 minutes without a mask.
 - We are contact tracing and notifying individuals of need to quarantine

Police Department

- Status quo on department and services
- Working with Parks as caution tape on Playscapes is torn down daily.
 - Will place signs reminding people that these are closed
- Waiting for guidance from state on playgrounds, summer camps, and fields
- Continuing with an educational approach with public and businesses
- Rally on Burnett Road was uneventful and well behaved
- Less complaints and people seem to be understanding and content with restrictions and limitations

Fire Department

- The Department is status quo with staffing
- Working on tracking expenses for June 5th submission

Emergency Management/ OSHA Safety

- Continuing with services and support
- Order of cloth masks are available for pick up
- Will be sending out an order on reimbursement of expenses and costs
 - Can include overtime due to COVID-19
 - Should be documented on attached Excel Spreadsheet
 - Need to estimate expense through December 31st
- Another order of PPE was submitted
- Vendors are being researched for best prices and service
- PowerPoint presentation is ready for use with training of employees to return to work

COA

- Preparing 250 meals for distribution today.
- Tracking emergency trips for Seniors for transportation reimbursement through FEMA and state
- Wellness checks continue and are appreciated with Seniors generally doing well
- Police still assisting with wellness checks for those not responding
- Working with School Department on freezer truck for use with Elder Affairs

Veterans

- Staffing is adequate and working from home when possible
- Memorial Day activities went well and Chicopee TV's help was appreciated
- Staff being notified to return to work on June 1st to resume work from the office but work from home if productive and possible
- Continuing wellness checks on Veterans and providing care packages with food and pantry if needed

DPW

- Status quo with full staffing
- A resident provided breakfast for the Sanitation workers this morning which was appreciated
- Will be a DPW Division Head meeting with information on employees returning to full staff
- PowerPoint presentation will be given to all workers for training on COVID-19 and work conditions