



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 29, 2020, the following City of Chicopee Departments has reported:

Mayor’s Office

- Stressful with more calls and businesses pushing to open. Will have employees returning Monday and will be stressful for them to return to a building with temperature taken at the door, Plexiglas dividers up and changes made. Be welcoming as usual and try to recognize the stress levels for employees
- State Legislators have given us some indication that state revenues are down by 14 to 15% so we will be facing cuts. Get in the reimbursement requests so we will have a better idea of funds will be retained and used as carryover to the next year’s budget. Also, spending freeze is in place
- Appreciate all the work done so far and we are making progress saving lives
- State numbers continue to trend in a favorable direction

Health Department

- We have 125 open cases, 235 people who have recovered, 39 N/A as they are not Chicopee people and six deaths. We had five new case reported yesterday but one person listed Chicopee as address but lived in House of Correction
- Essential day care is available for first responders and essential employees only
- The trend in Chicopee continues to show a decrease in the rate of infection
- Looking at gradually increasing the number of customers allowed in essential retail store

Police Department

- Status quo on department and services

Fire Department

- The Department is status quo with staffing

Emergency Management

- We are status quo continuing with services and support

OSHA Safety

- Receiving requests from Department Heads for needs, mostly gloves and hand sanitizer
- Working with COA on their requests
- Training presentation ready for Monday review by employees
- Working on securing floor markers, signs and stickers

COA

- Status Quo on services and staffing
- Will deliver 400 meals today along with a supply of fresh meat and groceries
- COA of MA suggests providing tablets to elderly if they have no contact with others so they can facetime, etc.
- Working with IT to get tablets programed and distributed

DPW

- Status quo with full staffing
- Working on bringing back all employees for June 1st and education on use of masks and gloves
- Will be difficult with summer weather and breathing through face coverings
- Do not want pictures on Facebook if employee outside with adequate distance

Park Department

- Waiting for guidance from the state on park activities as most are phase 2 or phase 3
- Pioneer Valley Park and Rec is meeting with area Park Departments and coordinating information on pools and camps
- Researching liability for programs