



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 Monday, August 17, 2020, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

Mayor's Office

- The state COVID numbers are 303 new cases, 11 new deaths, 2 million tests and 867 total deaths
- A saliva test was approved which may help get test results faster to Health Departments and individuals
- The numbers and data show no increase in infection rates
- The School reopening plan appears to have misleading information being distributed to the community. We will follow up with media and Mayor was on Rock 102 this morning to explain the plan
- We are offering a unique hybrid which allows students and staff who want to return the option to return. There is a gradual phase in approach and we want people to feel safe so there are options available, remote, or phased in hybrid. Remote learning is a big part of this plan and remote learning will be more effective than last term
- If metrics go to red we will go full remote, we will follow the data. Must remind everyone to wear a mask, wash hands, social distance and if you feel sick do not report to school
- We have adequate PPE for the schools

Health

- We have 37 active cases with one new case Saturday and two new cases Sunday
- We have 486 cases that are recovered
- 52 cases are N/A and 10 deaths
- There was one wait staff person that tested COVID positive at an establishment.
 - There are another two individuals who have symptoms and are being tested.
 - The establishment was closed for 24 hours for a deep cleaning
 - All close contacts were notified - and quarantined for 14 days

- Day Care update:
 - Three-year-old Contact Case: All persons (children, parents, and staff) involved have completed 14-day quarantine and will be returning.
 - Originating Child tested positive
 - No spread has occurred through this day care
 - Two-year-old Case: All persons (children, parents, and staff) involved will be completing 14-day quarantine and returning.
 - Originating Child tested positive
 - No spread has occurred through this day care

Police Department

- Status quo on services and staffing
- One officer vacationed in a restricted state and is being tested
 - Pending the test results officer is on sick time for three days

Fire Department

- Status quo with staffing and equipment
- Having difficulty with testing sites as the Agawam site is now doing appointments only and difficult to get first responders into their testing.
- There is a proposed testing location being discussed for HCC and first responders would be a priority

Emergency Management

- Services continue and adequate PPE
- Working with MEMA on testing sites

Safety

- Status Quo on services and staffing

COA

- Status Quo on services and staffing
- Have a meal program distribution and preparing for a five day a week lunch program for seniors

DPW

- Status quo on staffing and services