



## 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 Wednesday, August 19, 2020, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

### Mayor's Office

- The state COVID numbers are 175 new cases, 6 new deaths, 2 million tests and 8,617 total deaths
- The numbers and data show no increase in infection rates and a decline in infections and deaths
- We are looking to add more testing in Chicopee like Springfield and Agawam. Tapestry was called to see if they can work with us and push the Stop the Spread Program to include testing in Chicopee
- We do have testing at Riverbend and CVS but would like to expand testing
- The School Department will have a Q and A and reopening plan discussion which will air on Chicopee TV

### Health

- We have 28 active cases with five new cases reported
- We have 499 cases that are recovered
- 53 cases are N/A and now have 11 deaths. The new death was a 96 year old woman who had complications
- Two of the cases were from an establishment in Chicopee which is being reviewed as there may be employees not in Chicopee who worked there
- All close contacts are being contacted and follow up is being taken
- We are reaching out to other Boards of Health to track this incident

### Police Department

- Status quo on services and staffing
- Adequate PPE in inventory and working with Emergency Management on supplies

## **Fire Department**

- We had one firefighter test positive and is in quarantine. Others in the group who had close contact were tested and all had negative results and are back at work
- We accessed a rapid testing site in West Springfield to get them back as quickly as possible and reduce overtime costs

## **Emergency Management**

- Services continue and staffing adequate
- Working with MEMA on testing sites in the area
- There is a new testing location being established in Holyoke with a walk in testing location in downtown Holyoke and a drive through testing location at HCC
- There are six testing locations in Springfield through the Stop the Spread Program

## **Safety**

- Status Quo on services and staffing

## **COA**

- Status Quo on services and staffing
- Appears to have been a late night gathering behind the Center and an object which was on fire was thrown into a trash can which cause some damage. Checking security system for information

## **DPW**

- Status quo on staffing and services