



## 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 24, 2020, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

### **Mayor's Office**

- The state COVID numbers are 109 new cases, 20 new deaths, and over 2.1 million tests for Saturday. There were no numbers for Sunday as the state was updating the system
- Elms College students are moving in to the dorms and they will all be tested. There will be 200 residents and 200 commuters on the campus. The testing of students arriving from red states may impact our numbers if there are positive cases
- St. Stanislaus and St. Joan of Arc schools opened today
- Early voting at City Hall started and we had 36 voters on Saturday and 32 voters on Sunday. If there are people wandering the halls they should be directed to leave by the elevator or back stairs. We should not have individuals wandering as the staff is disinfecting the areas where the voters travel
- The School Department has started orientation for public school teachers

### **Health**

- We have 25 active cases with four new case reported over the weekend
- We have 503 cases that are recovered
- 56 cases are N/A and have 13 deaths. The new death was from a female 90 years old and residing at the group home
- Elms will be testing students every 14 days to track outbreaks and keep other students safe. We are working with Elms on their protocols and plans

### **Police Department**

- Status quo on services and staffing
- Two officers are being tested for the virus and are currently on quarantine awaiting negative test results

- Would like to get access to the rapid test so we can get them back to work as soon as possible. We are paying overtime for coverage and the testing centers are full with a two day wait just to get a test. Test results are not available for 72 hours
- Holyoke test site will be open on Wednesday which may help with testing demand and processing

#### **Fire Department**

- Adequate staffing and coverage of the city with average call volume

#### **Emergency Management**

- Services and staffing continuing
- MEMA has issued a notice on testing sites and we are looking into testing through MEMA contacts

#### **Safety**

- Status Quo on services and staffing

#### **COA**

- Status Quo on services and staffing
- Five day a week meal service begins today and they will be distributing 306 meals today

#### **DPW**

- Status quo on staffing and services