



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, September 9, 2020, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

Mayor's Office

- The state COVID numbers are 168 new cases, 8 new deaths, and over 2.8 million tests
- There have been reports that we should prepare for vaccine distribution. Chicopee Health and Emergency Management have a plan which we will update
- Will develop a task force to review and update distribution plan on logistics and process. Will meet next week
- The vaccine will allow us to move to phase four

Health

- We have 27 active cases with one new cases reported
- We are at 17 deaths and have 527 recovered cases and 58 N/A
- Chicopee had three cases on Saturday, one case on Sunday, one case on Monday, one case on Tuesday and have two reported so far today. This will keep us solidly in the green category
- Schools have reached agreement on reopening and Union is backing the plan provided the air quality study shows healthy or any items in the study are addressed adequately

Police Department

- Status quo on services and staffing with two officers who were on vacation returning with negative test results
- Touchless hand sanitizers have been received and will be installed at doors

Fire Department

- Status quo on services and staffing

- Their touchless hand sanitizers require replacement of batteries and the pump after several months so we may need to order additional pumps for the equipment
- Since March 1st the first responders, both Fire and Police have conducted themselves well and we successfully had early voting by 300 people. This shows that compliance with the mask, handwashing, not going out if feeling sick and disinfecting protocols are working

Emergency Management

- Services and staffing continuing
- Working with Treasurer and Safety on FEMA reimbursements

Safety

- Status Quo on services and staffing
- Have distributed touchless hand sanitizers to Police, Fire, and Library
- Our school PPE is adequate and the plan has been reviewed. The schools have everything they need to open and to operate for several months
- If the ventilation report requires MERV-13 air filters we will have them installed

COA

- Status Quo on services and staffing
- Freezer arrived today and will be extremely helpful in meal distribution program
- Interviews for open positions continue as they are essential to continuing the programs

DPW

- Status quo on staffing and services
- All departments are operational and continuing