



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, October 5, 2020, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

Mayor's Office

- The state COVID numbers are 626 new cases, 3 new deaths, and 4.3 million tests with 9295 total deaths in Massachusetts
- These numbers continue to show an increase in cases but the mortality rate is steady or decreasing
- Our neighboring city, Springfield, was moved to high risk and Bay State Medical Center in Springfield has 8 hospitalized cases with one person critical
- The hospitals numbers are trending in the right direction
 - They had 12 hospitalizations in September
 - Been trending downward since April
- The State has moved us to Phase III Step 2 which will change the limitations as follows:
 - Indoor performance venues will be permitted to open with 50% capacity with a maximum of 250 people.
 - Outdoor performance venue capacity will increase to 50% with a max of 250 people.
 - For arcades and indoor and outdoor recreation businesses, additional Step 2 activities will be permitted to open at 50% capacity:
 - Trampolines, obstacle courses, roller rinks, laser tag, etc.
 - Fitting rooms will be permitted to open in all types of retail stores.
 - Gyms, museums, libraries, driving and flight schools will also be permitted to increase their capacity to 50%.
- Chicopee Public Schools had 1000 students begin in-person education in our public schools today which brings the in-person student populations to 1,500

Health

- We have 34 active cases with one case reported yesterday, one Saturday and seven on Friday
- We are at 17 deaths, have 566 recovered cases and 67 are N/A
- The seven cases reported on Friday were two Police Officers, and the others were associated with households which already contained reported cases

Police Department

- Had a small cluster reported on Friday and a fourth officer was identified as positive today
 - These are all administrative officers
 - There has been no impact to dispatch, patrolling or call response
- There was no gap in services other than fire arms permits and providing reports
 - CPD is only allowing visitors by appointment and they must follow the social distancing protocol
- Additional testing will be conducted on site with a mobile testing unit
 - Note: some cases do not manifest themselves for three to five days and CPD is diligently working to get ahead of any more possible cases
- The CP Station has been thoroughly sanitized
 - Maintenance staff is using an electrostatic sprayer three or more times per day

Fire Department

- Status quo on services and staffing

Emergency Management

- Services and staffing continuing
- Grant paperwork was completed and submitted

Safety

- Status Quo on services and staffing

COA

- Status Quo on services and staffing
- Our Council On Aging was asked to present a session on Nutrition During COVID for the MCOA Conference by ZOOM

DPW

- Status quo on staffing and services