



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, October 7, 2020, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

Mayor's Office

- The state COVID numbers are 4545 new cases, 8 new deaths, and 4.4 million tests. The new case numbers are still quite high, but the mortality rate is steady or decreasing
- The City Hall Parking Lot project was approved by the City Council and will move forward
- Media coverage in Chicopee will increase with Jeanette DeForge covering Chicopee full time and the Herald having a separate Chicopee paper. Please get information out to these sources and other you are using

Health

- We have 30 active cases with two case reported yesterday
- We are at 17 deaths, have 575 recovered cases and 67 are N/A
- We expect to remain yellow on the state traffic signal map
- Our department is working with the School Department on the next phase of the school reopening plan

Police Department

- We have the same number of positive cases and have tested 62 officers on Friday.
 - Results are still being awaited for several officers (24-48 hour response time is to be expected)
- There has been no impact to dispatch, our patrolling or call response
- Use of Sheriff Cocchi's recovery facility for two officers
 - To avoid the virus spreading to their homes and families

Fire Department

- Status quo on services and staffing

Emergency Management

- Services and staffing continuing
- Grant listing was approved
- We will deploy the Traffic Signal Message Boards to remind individuals to be vigilant with COVID protocols.
 - We do not want to go into the red designation as this would impact many businesses

Safety

- Status Quo on services and staffing
- Reimbursement requests for FEMA must be filed by October 15th and we are getting forms completed for submission
- We will need to obtain more face masks and PPE

COA

- Status Quo on services and staffing
- There were 50 Seniors who took advantage of our September flu shots and we are looking for another 50 flu shots at the October 19th drive through flu shot clinic
- Working on a solution for heating and coverings for food delivery at the Center

DPW

- Status quo on staffing and services
- Wanted a review of early voting procedures since demand is expected to increase

Schools

- The School Department is meeting with the Union and Principals weekly on health data
- The 1000 added students have made adjustments with the new protocols and we now have 1500 students in person with pre-school, K, 1st, 6th and 9th grade classes allowed in person for those who opted for in person education
- All chrome books have been provided for remote learning and we have provided about 200 jet packs, (web hot spots) to families. The jet packs are disabled if they are abused
- Obtaining more PPE and preparing classrooms for the next phase of students entering in person instruction