



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

Mayor's Office

- The state COVID numbers are 744 new cases, 14 new deaths, and 5.1 million tests. The new case numbers continue to be high and trend higher with more testing being conducted. There were 1,500 tests on Sunday
- The flu shot program progresses with good reception by the residents. The CDC estimated that last year's flu shot prevented approximately 7.5 million cases, 105,000 flue related hospitalizations, and 6,300 less deaths
- The federal government also warned communities of the virus spread. The federal government mentioned an uptick of new COVID cases in the Northeast. They stressed the best way to counter virus spread is to wash hands, social distance and stay home if you fell ill

Health

- We currently have 66 active cases in the City up from 44 on Friday late afternoon.
- There were 4 new cases on Saturday and 14 new cases on Sunday and as of 9:00 AM, 5 new cases reported today
- We are still at 17 deaths

Police Department

- We had two officers return to work

- Handled the cluster swiftly and have had no new infections to date
- We are opening the Police Department for business

Fire Department

- Status quo on services and staffing
- We appreciate the Fire Department assistance through mutual aid to Agawam and West Springfield at the Bondi Island fire which continues to burn

Emergency Management

- Services and staffing are continuing
- Checking on PPE for departments

Safety

- Status Quo on services and staffing
- Early voting opened on Saturday and was successful. Voters are following protocol

COA

- Status Quo on services and staffing
- Continuing food distribution at the Center with staff as we enter colder months

DPW

- Status quo on staffing and services
- No cases at DPW and moral is good

School Department

- Working with staff on in person and remote learning
- Meeting today to discuss COVID numbers to map out a plan
- We may pause the phase in of the next group based upon the increased numbers in Chicopee
- Students who are already in person will stay in person as there is no outbreak or clusters in the schools
- We do not want to add another 1,000 students into the buildings if there is an increase in exposures in the community