



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 Wednesday, October 21, 2020, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

Mayor's Office

- The state COVID numbers are 821 new cases, 5 new deaths, and 5.3 million tests. The new case numbers continue to be high
- The in person learning phase 2 was postponed and will not move forward on Monday
- With Chicopee numbers increasing we do not want to add 1,100 more students to the buildings
- We are working on education to slow the spread of the virus

Health

- We have 79 active cases which is a number we have not seen since June
- There were 6 new yesterday
- We are at 17 deaths
- We have 601 recovered and 68 N/A for a total of 765 cases
- Working with the schools staff we are pausing in person learning. Families and students want to return, but we felt it was best to pause
- There is zero transmission of the virus in our schools. School age children who have contracted the virus have gotten it from households
- The students with COVID are all remote learning
- These gatherings of large numbers of people are being reported to the licensing commission
- We may want to send out a reminder of the state requirements to license holders and consider a fine

Police Department

- We had three of the five officers return to work and two are symptomatic
- The two officers should be returning next week

- There are no new case in the PD

Fire Department

- Status quo on services and staffing

Emergency Management

- Services and staffing are continuing
- We have obtained two heaters and tents for the Senior Center Food Distribution Program. The tents are fire retardant and the heaters use propane. The heaters will be outside the tent and blow air into the tent
- The need for a permit for storage of the tanks will be obtained

Safety

- Status Quo on services and staffing

COA

- Status Quo on services and staffing
- Continuing food distribution of 300 meals a day
- We are in need of a refrigerator for food storage

DPW

- Status quo on staffing and services

Veterans Department

- The committee meet in person, COVID compliant, to plan Veteran's Day events
- Will host a modified program on Veteran's Day with a service at St. Rose and wreath laying outside at various locations
- No lunch will be served for the Veteran's Day events
- The Tracy Award program will go forward with a possible award of the 2020 award on Veteran's Day