



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 Friday, October 23, 2020, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

Mayor's Office

- The state COVID numbers are 986 new cases, 30 new deaths, and 5.4 million tests. The new case numbers are reaching levels we have not seen for months
- The FDA approved the first drug for treatment of COVID, Remdesivir, which has shown promise for faster recovery
- Chicopee becoming red does not push us into fully remote learning. The schools will continue with In-person learning but adding more students has been paused
- We would need to be red for three consecutive weeks to have to go to fully remote learning
- We will promote an educational program to remind people to wash hands, socially distance, wear a mask and stay home if they feel ill
- Inspections by Police and Health department will continue

Health

- We have 84 active cases which is a number we have not even at the beginning of the outbreak of the virus
 - There were 9 new cases yesterday, 9 on Wednesday and we had 6 new cases Tuesday
 - We are at 17 deaths
 - We have 605 recovered and 68 N/A for a total of 774 cases
- Working with the schools staff, parents and teachers. There have been no transmissions of the virus through in person learning. All of the school age children have been learning remote
- If there are two more weeks of red we will be forced to go to fully remote - so as a community we need to lower the infection rate
- Many of our cases have been in groups throughout the entire city and that indicates that when people are gathering they are not following the social distancing guidelines

Police Department

- We are fully staffed and have no new cases reported
- The rapid testing in West Springfield was opened to the public and is no longer taking appointments.
 - The wait is three hours to have a test administered but the results are still rapid
- Working with the Parks Department on a **possible** drive-thru Halloween event

Fire Department

- Status quo on services and staffing

Emergency Management

- Services and staffing are continuing
- Working with Parks **possible** drive-thru Halloween event

Safety

- Status Quo on services and staffing
- Have seen a large increase in demand for disinfecting supplies and PPE
- Ordering more PPE and supplies

COA

- Status Quo on services and staffing
- Continuing food distribution and refrigerator was ordered
- We are in need of a refrigerator for food storage

DPW

- Status quo on staffing and services