



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, November 9, 2020, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

Mayor's Office

- The state COVID numbers are 2000 new cases on Friday, 2,200 new cases on Saturday and 1,800 new cases on Sunday with a positivity rate of 2.27%
- There were 20 new deaths on Sunday and 568 cases in hospitals with 144 in an ICU and an average age of hospitalization of 67 and average age of deaths at 80
- This is showing a large increase in cases across the state
- The state has changed the reporting of metrics with three categories of municipalities based upon population. Also the rate of transmission is being focused upon in the metrics. Based upon the new metrics Chicopee is yellow
- Chicopee is in the category of municipalities over 50,000 and the colors now are Gray – less than or equal to 15 cases; Yellow less than or equal to an average of 10 new cases or positivity rate 4% or greater; and red – greater than 10 cases AND a positivity rate of 4% or greater. You must have both to be red and Chicopee has a positivity rate of 3.6%, just below the 4%
- Given these numbers we are concerned about our schools and in person learning
- We are working on an event at Szot Park for families on November 10th to help get the message across of limiting social gatherings, wearing a mask, washing your hands and staying home if you feel ill. This will let the community know we are in this together and need each other to stop the spread. We realize we are all tired of the virus but this event will raise spirits of residents and confirm our determination to stop the spread

Health

City Case Counts

- 254 Open cases
 - 23 cases reported Friday (a large number was reported after the original post), 31 cases on Saturday, and 25 yesterday with 20 so far today
- 17 deaths with no new deaths reported
- 71 N/A
- 654 Recovered

- We must rely on the state for positivity numbers and do not receive the data to calculate this number
- Based upon our contact tracing, transmission appears to be from social gatherings
- There are few transmissions from worksites and none from school to date

Police Department

- We are fully staffed and have three officers out for testing
 - One appears to be symptomatic
 - Two had contact but no symptoms exhibited
- We are patrolling and if we see groups of individuals not wearing a mask we are having a conversation with them on mask wearing and requesting they wear a mask
- MEMA has provided officers with masks and they are being distributed if a person indicates they do not have a mask
- The Police Chiefs are looking at the Governor's orders to determine the best way move forward

Fire Department

- Status quo on services and full staffing
 - Had several firefighters tested and all were negative. No staff out at this time

Emergency Management

- Services and staffing are continuing
- Bay State Medical Center will provide rapid testing but process is difficult. They want each first responder to have a check from the city to pay for the test. This is a cumbersome process for the city. Working with Governor's office to determine if there is a better solution
- Working with PD on sign boards for event tomorrow

Safety

- Status Quo on services and staffing
- PPE inventory and stock appears adequate

DPW

- Status quo on staffing and services with no employee out

COA

- Status Quo on staff and servicing
- Working on a structure for meal distribution services
 - Completed a permit application for a structure

School Department

- The Health Department is working with Schools on contact tracing of individuals to see if there is any in school transmission of the virus. None to date in school
- This is becoming a large task with level and number of infections
- Tracking data and cases to determine if any action is needed
- We have 13 staff members out due to outside gatherings where they were exposed to the virus
- There are 45 students in quarantine due to outside gathers. Believe there was a house party at Halloween which contributed to exposure
- There is a Health Metrics Team meeting to discuss data and findings in the schools and community

Treasurer's Office

- No questions back from the state on CARES Act reimbursement requests and waiting for action on approval of \$1.8 million in reimbursements