



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 16, 2020, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

Mayor's Office

- The state COVID numbers are 2076 new cases on Sunday
- There were 33 new deaths on Sunday and 737 cases in hospitals with 159 in an ICU.
 - The average age of hospitalization was constant at 67 and average age of deaths remained at 80
- There has been no decrease in cases and hospitalizations across the state
- Worcester has reestablished the field hospital at the DCU center
- Fifteen states have increased risk of transmission and the US has reached over 1 million in a week
- The US is experiencing a third wave and suffering from COVID fatigue
 - It is now termed a tidal wave or explosion of cases
- Illinois is threatening a lockdown and Chicago has instituted a stay at home order
- Nebraska hospitals are nearly full, Washington is prohibiting gatherings, including Thanksgiving, unless the individuals are immediate family
- Massachusetts reported over 2,000 cases a day for the last five days with 30,000 active cases
- We are seeing transmission of cases primarily in the age group of 20 to 29 and secondly the age group of new born through 19 years of age

Health

City Case Counts

- 321 open cases which is the highest we have ever seen
 - 32 cases reported over the weekend
 - 18 deaths with 1 new death reported
 - 73 N/A
 - 698 recovered with a total of 1110 cases
- With schools going to remote learning the school nurses will now help with contact tracing and follow up
 - We will remind residents to limit guests at Thanksgiving gatherings

Police Department

- We are fully staffed and have two officers out
- There have been no complaints on large gatherings
- Resident seem to be complying with the 9:30pm close of business and the 10:00pm stay at home advisory
- There is little traffic on the streets from 10:00pm to 5:00 am

Fire Department

- Status quo on services and full staffing

Emergency Management

- Services and staffing are continuing
- We are looking for some trailers to transport materials and supplies
- The regional impact is showing concentration of transmission in high density areas primarily Springfield, Chicopee, Agawam, and West Springfield area
- Worcester is high and has added restrictions on gatherings
- The mortality rate is low and shows the developed treatments for the virus are effective and we continue to learn how to treat the virus
- The Moderna vaccine results are reported at 94.5% effective and will not need freezer storage

Safety

- Status Quo on services and staffing
- Chicopee has several testing sites in the local area: CVS on Center Street, Chicopee Health Center on Front Street, Med Express Urgent Care on Memorial Drive, and Holyoke Medical Walk-In Care on Memorial Drive.
 - Testing is conducted at Eastfield Mall and Holyoke Community College
- Arrangements have been made for our first responders to be tested as needed
- Working on hand sanitizer for the Police Department

DPW

- Status quo on staffing and services
- Have one employee out with a positive test
 - Sent three others for testing

COA

- Status Quo on staff and servicing

Treasurer's Office

- Reimbursements are being processed
- Looking at an insert into the CEL bills for residents with COVID precautions