



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, November 18, 2020, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

#### **Mayor's Office**

- The state COVID numbers are 2,263 new cases reported Tuesday
- There were 20 new deaths on Tuesday and 835 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 was an increase in cases and hospitalizations across the state
- We have gotten the word out at the City Council briefing and in a MassLive article on the mandatory wearing of masks, following COVID protocol, and limiting Thanksgiving gatherings
- Pfizer will be filing for vaccine approval with the FDA and if approved believes there will be 50 million doses available by the end of December
- Our Schools have transitioned to full remote learning starting today

#### **Health**

##### City Case Counts

- 354 open cases which is the highest we have ever seen
  - 25 cases reported yesterday
  - 18 deaths
  - 73 N/A
  - 712 recovered
- With schools going to remote four school nurses will be contact tracing and helping with follow up

#### **Police Department**

- We are fully staffed and have two officers out
- Officers on details will be checked

## **Fire Department**

- Status quo on services and full staffing

## **Emergency Management**

- Services and staffing are continuing

## **Safety**

- Status Quo on services and staffing
- Have checked with the Fire Department on PPE and they are now adequately supplied
- We are working with other departments to check PPE and our burn rate
- With the masks required we want to determine if our burn rate will allow us to have inventory or if more PPE is needed
- Also asking if Plexiglas dividers are needed for offices and work areas

## **DPW**

- Status quo on staffing and services
- The drop off at Baskin Drive will be closed on Saturday with the repaving of Baskin Drive

## **COA**

- Status Quo on staff and servicing
- Problems with the outdoor delivery of meals to seniors with the cold weather
- Working on a tent or structure

## **Human Resources**

- The number of exposures are increasing so we will determine the process for employees taking time and for them being charged time
- These cases are complex and fact dependent

## **School Department**

- Starting full remote learning today
- Buildings will be open for drop off and for physical and speech therapy by appointment
- There is a neighborhood in Chicopee which is difficult for internet connection. We are working on a solution through other providers to get these students on a more reliable platform