



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, November 20, 2020, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

Mayor's Office

- The state COVID numbers are 2,532 new cases reported Thursday
- There were 27 new deaths on Thursday and 917 cases in hospitals with 181 in an ICU. The average age of hospitalization has dropped to 66 and average age of deaths increased to 81
- There was an increase in cases and hospitalizations across the state especially in the 20-29 year old age group
- Pfizer has filed for vaccine approval with the FDA and indicated they have doses ready to be distributed as soon as approval is granted and 50 million doses available by the end of December
- The state budget has passed both the House and Senate and is in a Conference Committee for reconciliation. We should have numbers for schools and state funding soon
- An email reminding all employees to wear masks was issued and we continue to remind everyone to wear a mask
- There is a rumor going around the city that we will be in lockdown after Thanksgiving. We have no plan for a lock down and continue to monitor the infection numbers and state mandates

Health

City Case Counts

- 382 open cases which is another increase and new high number of open cases
 - 25 cases reported yesterday, 15 on Wednesday and 25 on Tuesday
 - 18 deaths in the City
 - 74 N/A
 - 728 recovered
- We are reminding people to limit Thanksgiving gatherings and the traditional Sword Football game was cancelled
 - We are working on a drive through testing proposal for Chicopee residents only. We want testing after Thanksgiving and gatherings have concluded but before Christmas season holidays
 - Largest transmission of the virus continues to be the 20-29 year olds in Chicopee

Police Department

- We are fully staffed and have all officers reporting
- Two Officers have a child in their family with COVID and we are addressing the protocols for those officers

Fire Department

- Status quo on services and full staffing

Emergency Management

- Services and staffing are continuing

Safety

- Status Quo on services and staffing
- Have sent out an email on PPE supplies and burn rates given the mandatory mask enforcement even if socially distant in an office
- Have distributed more masks to all Departments

DPW

- Status quo on staffing and services
- The drop off at Baskin Drive will be closed on Saturday with signs and message boards in place to remind residents

COA

- Status Quo on staff and servicing

Human Resources

- Reminding Departments on the use of time and leave with regard to COVID

School Department

- Remote learning continues
- With remote learning a school could be used for testing provided there is no meal distribution
- We are working with internet providers to get these students on a more reliable platform in one area of the city