



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 23, 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
- The next three weeks are critical
  - Pfizer expect to have a vaccine distribution of 400,000 doses in Massachusetts by end of December
    - Dry-ice and protected delivery is expected
    - Logistics of delivery of vaccine is the most critical part of the distribution
  - Just because you receive the vaccine DOES NOT mean you won't have to wear a mask – you will still be able to infect others.
  - Reaching out to local pharmacies for partnership and distribution
- There was an increase in cases and hospitalizations across the state especially in the 20-29 year old age group
- We continue to remind everyone to wear a mask - As Mayor, I took the pledge to NOT travel or visit friends or family during the Thanksgiving Holiday to help stop the spread.
- Addressing the rumor about the 'city going into a lockdown after Thanksgiving' – this is FALSE - We have no plan for a lock down and continue to monitor the infection numbers and state mandates

#### Health

##### City Case Counts

- 424 open cases which is another increase and new high number of open cases
  - 26 cases reported Friday 11/20, 8 on Saturday 11/21, and 14 on Sunday 11/22
  - 19 deaths in the City (another death occurred)
  - 74 N/A
  - 735 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.
    - Testing after Thanksgiving and gatherings have concluded but before Christmas season holidays

## **Police Department**

- We are fully staffed and have all officers reporting
- Two Officers have a child in their family with COVID
- Two Officers have to test due to traveling
- Proud to report that local restaurants have been complying with the mask order and any concerns have been met with positive changes

## **Fire Department**

- Status quo on services and full staffing
  - Two staff members are being monitored for COVID

## **Emergency Management**

- Services and staffing are continuing

## **Safety**

- Status Quo on services and staffing
- Working with CCHS and Emergency Management on a plan for a Covid testing site
- Have sent out an email on PPE supplies and burn rates given the mandatory mask enforcement even if socially distant in an office

## **DPW**

- Status quo on staffing and services
- Two positive cases of COVID staff

## **COA**

- Status Quo on staff and servicing

## **Human Resources**

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

## **Veterans**

- Veterans participants were thrilled with the In The Spirit event
- Local businesses has sustained the donations to the Veterans – this is a silver lining in the dull days