



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, December 7, 2020, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

Mayor's Office

- The state COVID numbers are 4,747 new cases reported
- There were 48 new deaths and 1,164 cases in hospitals with 293 in an ICU. The average age of hospitalization remained at 68 and average age of deaths remained at 81
- The seven day average positivity is a record high at 5.34%
- The health care workers at Bay State Medical Center are showing fatigue and stress and some communities are considering lock downs
- We continue working on drive through testing for city residents
 - Our planned test provider indicated they will no longer accept new testing locations as they are at capacity
 - We have contacted other providers to obtain a source for testing and processing results
 - We will continue to assemble volunteers for administrative functions, traffic control, recordkeeping, and performing the test
 - We are providing administrative volunteer staff from the city to increase the number of actual tests performed and not spend dollars on contracted personnel
 - Test cost with contracted administration will vary and we are seeking a reasonable cost per test and are offering to provide the staff and perform the test
 - We want the PCR test as it is the most accurate
 - Only nurses and EMTs would be able to perform the tests on residents
 - Target date remains mid-December before Christmas
 - Would be restricted to Chicopee residents and employees only

Health

City Case Counts – 1674 to-date

- We have 693 open cases
- 19 deaths in the City

- 84 N/A
- 878 recovered

- We are reminding residents and employees to wear a mask, wash their hands frequently and do not go out if they feel sick through articles in the Chicopee Register and Spectrum News. A Mask-up Chicopee theme was being used and hopefully will gain some use

Police Department

- Status Quo on services
- We have one officer return from vacation and test negative for the virus. He has returned to duty
- Officers have been reminded to wear a mask and asked to volunteer for the city COVID testing project

Fire Department

- Status quo on services and full staffing

Emergency Management

- Services and staffing are continuing
- MEMA has indicated there will be no extensions on the use of CARES Act funding

Safety

- Status Quo on services and staffing
- We are holding training sessions for the city COVID testing program
- There will be a need for increased PPE if we provide drive through testing as planned

DPW

- Status quo on staffing and services
- Had another employee test positive and is out on a ten day quarantine
- They have not been with other employees and others were not subject to quarantine. Protocol was followed and the individual got sick over the weekend

COA

- Status Quo on staff and servicing

Human Resources

- Status Quo on services and employees

Veteran's Services

- We continue to provide services to constituents
- Another client went into the office and had called to indicated he tested positive after being in the office
- Was not in the office for more than 15 minutes but would not wear a mask while in office even when offered one
- We are disinfecting all counters, door handles and areas open to the public