



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, December 11, 2020, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

Mayor's Office

- The state COVID numbers are 5,130 new cases reported
- There were 41 new deaths and 1,607 cases in hospitals with 307 in an ICU. The average age of hospitalization increased to 69 and average age of deaths increased to 82
- The seven day average positivity is a record high at 5.67%
- The health care workers at Bay State Medical Center are showing fatigue and stress and some communities are considering lock downs
- In the US there now are over 15,000,000 cases and 285,000 deaths
- Testing is needed to identify those infected especially the asymptomatic spreaders
- People are getting a false sense of comfort with vaccines being approved. The phased in approach will not provide adequate herd immunity for some time
- In reviewing the phases, Phase One anticipates vaccines administered.
- Phase One (December 2020-February 2021):
 - *In order of priority*
 - Clinical and non-clinical healthcare workers doing direct and COVID-facing care
 - Long term care facilities, rest homes and assisted living facilities
 - Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services
 - Congregate care settings (including shelters and corrections)
 - Home-based healthcare workers
 - Healthcare workers doing non-COVID facing care
- Phase Two (February 2021-April 2021):
 - *In order of priority*
 - Individuals with 2+ comorbidities (high risk for COVID-19 complications)

- Early education, K-12, transit, grocery, utility, food and agriculture, sanitation, public works, and public health workers
 - Adults 65+
 - Individuals with one comorbidity
- Phase Three (April 2021-):
 - Vaccine available to general public
- This means that Phase One individuals will get the second dose in January and not develop antibodies until Valentine's day
- The general public in Phase Three will not develop immunity until July 4th Independence Day
- Testing and vigilance is needed until the summer. By locking in testing now we will have testing for residents in this difficult time and have processing in place to hopefully avoid delayed results and waits due to a lack of reagents
- The doses for Massachusetts were reduced from the original projections
- Testing will reduce the spread and take the strain off our health care providers and systems
- Local hospitals and providers are almost at maximum capacity and we have not seen the Thanksgiving spike yet
- Providing testing for a longer term will save lives
 - There are several calls on our testing program today to continue to work out details and capabilities
 - A vendor is in negotiation and we are hoping to secure testing
 - The site and logistics are being developed with the concern of snow on Wednesday
 - We are asking for employees to volunteer to help with the testing
 - The Sheriff's Department indicated they would help if needed

Health

City Case Counts

- We have 781 open cases as of today
- 21 deaths in the City
- 86 N/A
- 970 recovered
- A total of 1858 cases to date
- We are investigating a possible cluster outbreak at a congregate care facility

Police Department

- Status Quo on services
- We still have one officer out with breathing issues
- Agawam is providing COVID testing for one day using AMR

Fire Department

- Status quo on services and full staffing

Emergency Management

- Services and staffing are continuing
- Working on logistics for the COVID testing site and potential snow storm on Wednesday

Safety

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

DPW

- Status quo on staffing and services

COA

- Status Quo on staff and servicing

Human Resources

- Status Quo on services and employees
- Have not gotten any indication on the extension of the COVID FMLA leave and if it will continue past December 31st.

School Department

- We continue to provide remote learning to students
- We have had nine staff members and 21 students test positive for COVID. This will require parent notifications by DESE on a weekly basis
- We have managed to continue to have 40 high needs students meet at schools for therapy, (occupational, speech, physical and other)
- None of our staff or students who are positive contracted the virus from the schools
- The School Department is helping with the municipal testing program