



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 21, 2020, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

Mayor's Office

- The state COVID numbers are 4,162 new cases reported
- There were 60 new deaths and 1,919 cases in hospitals with 387 in an ICU. The average age of hospitalization remained at 67 and the average age of deaths remained at 81
- The seven-day average positivity rate decreased to 5.78% which is only a slight drop
- The rates show better treatment with a large number of cases but the death rate staying lower. With better treatment, there are fewer hospitalizations and more cases treated at home so the comparison to April is not useful
- We opened our test program for employees and are working out glitches and streamlining the process
- We have several volunteers and sufficient nursing staff
- Working on improving data entry and label printing
- Today Agawam and Ludlow are testing for one day
- The Moderna vaccine was approved for emergency use and is being distributed today

Health

City Case Counts

- There were 45 cases reported over the weekend, Saturday, Sunday, and this morning, which is an improvement
 - We have 923 open cases as of today
 - The deaths in the City are at 22 deaths
 - 91 N/A
 - 1122 recovered
 - A total of 2,158 cases to date
- We continue to watch the two clusters at congregate care facilities and have gotten no new reported cases of deaths reported over the weekend

- One Health Department employee remains in quarantine

Police Department

- Status Quo on services
- One officer out and still recovering

Fire Department

- Status quo on services
- Two Firefighters finalizing quarantine
- Staff at testing site assisting with program

Emergency Management

- Services and staffing are continuing
- Working at the COVID testing at COMP

Safety

- Status Quo on services and staffing
- There is adequate PPE for testing is in place at COMP
- First tests were conducted this morning

DPW

- Status quo on staffing and services

COA

- Status Quo on staff and services
- Structure for winter meal distribution should be delivered today
- Have a record request for 375 meals on Wednesday and the number is growing
- Grant for kitchen equipment is being finalized

Human Resources

- Status Quo on services and employees
- The stimulus bill and provisions have passed Congress and await finalization for President's signature
- No assistance for states and municipalities for income replacement. Some funding for schools and the expansion of broadband in rural communities. Did not see any extension of COVID FMLA leave. Provided an extension of municipal unspent CARES Act funding beyond December 31st into 2021