



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 Wednesday, December 30, 2020, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

Mayor's Office

- The state COVID numbers are increasing with 3,659 new cases reported
- There were 58 new deaths and 2,259 cases in hospitals with 431 in an ICU. The average age of hospitalization remained at 69 and average age of deaths remained at 80
- The seven day average positivity rate increased to 7.58% which is another moderate increase
- Our local test positivity numbers were 5% on last Monday's tests, 10.2% on Tuesday's, 10.2% on Wednesday's, 10.8% on this Monday's and 12.9% yesterday

Health

City Case Counts

- There were 29 new cases reported today
 - We have 1,054 open cases
 - The deaths in the City are at 23 deaths with one added.
 - The woman was a 96 year old living in a nursing home
 - 96 N/A
 - 1219 recovered
 - A total of 2,392 cases to date
- We are using the state's contact tracing services based upon the number of cases and quarantined individuals in the city
 - One positive was the Astra Zeneca vaccine was approved in the UK. This vaccine does not require the level of refrigeration as the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. It is easier to distribute and to administer. The Astra Zeneca is older technology and costs only \$3.00 opposed to the \$300 cost of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. This vaccine has a 62% to 95% efficacy rate and if approved in the US by the FDA will speed up vaccination here

Police Department

- Status Quo on services

- We are maintaining about eight officers, (volunteers and Special officers) at the test site to help with the process
- The testing rate is about 80 tests per hour and 300 tests a day so the officers are keeping the line moving and greeting individuals as they arrive at the site

Fire Department

- Status quo on services but there were three more firefighters tested positive and under quarantine
- The three firefighters do not have severe symptoms and we are hoping for a quick recovery
- We are continuing to assist with the testing center on a volunteer basis

Emergency Management

- Services and staffing are continuing
- Working at the COVID testing at COMP opening the site and preparing the site for operations

Safety

- Status Quo on staffing
- The testing is steady with 300 tests per day and results reported out within 24 hours
- We maintain adequate PPE for testing
- The National Honor Students are helping this week reconciling the shipments and tests to be sent to the lab
- There were 41 positive test results and we are helping to stop the spread of the virus by early detection, quarantine and contact tracing
- We will continue testing operations after New Year's until the 20,000 tests are used

DPW

- Status quo on staffing

COA

- Status Quo on staff and services
- We will put up the tent outside to help with meal delivery

Human Resources

- Status Quo on services