



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, January 13, 2021, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

Mayor's Office

- The state COVID numbers remain high with 5,278 new cases reported
- There were 86 new deaths and 2,200 cases in hospitals with 461 in an ICU. The average age of hospitalization remained at 73 years old
- The seven day average positivity rate is 7.11%
- Massachusetts received \$9 billion in stimulus funding in the latest funding from the federal government
- There was \$814.9 million in elementary and secondary school relief
- Higher Education received \$471.8 million
- There was \$459 million in rental assistance
- The US now has over 380,000 deaths and over 22.9 million cases
- The virus continues to spread and vaccinations have not reduced the spread to date

Health

City Case Counts

- We continue averaging 30 new cases a day
- We have 436 open cases
- The deaths in the City are at 23 deaths
- 99 N/A
- 2,170 recovered
- A total of 2,728 cases to date
- We had case workers and contract tracers review the open cases and work to get data and responses from our open cases over the weekend and throughout the past few days. A number of cases were found to have been recovered so the number of open cases was reduced through their follow up and hours of work.
- We still have a high infection rate with 31 cases yesterday and 17 new cases so far today
- Our Health Department physician is completing the vaccination information for the state
- The schools will be back in session and the test site will have to relocate from COMP to either the Senior Center or another site

- We are looking to make the site more portable so it can move from neighborhood to neighborhood spending a week or two in different parts of the city

Police Department

- Status Quo on services
- We had one officer undergo a reaction to the vaccine and was observed for some time. The officer is at home and is well now
- We continue to send groups of officers to the vaccine site in East Longmeadow

Fire Department

- Status quo on services but with five officers out
- One firefighter returned to work with a negative test
- Working with the vaccine task force finalizing our plan with flexibility and options while seeking more direction from the state
- Gillette Stadium will be a vaccination site and we are hoping for a site in Western Mass

Emergency Management

- Services and staffing are status quo
- Will be assisting with the relocation of the test center and working with the vaccination task force

Safety

- Status Quo on staffing
- The testing is steady and volunteers remain adequate
- Our PPE is adequate but will be conducting another inventory check

DPW

- Status quo on staffing
- All services are continuing

COA

- Status Quo on staff
- We are continuing to conduct wellness checks and seniors appreciate the calls

Human Resources

- Status Quo on services

School Department

- We are calling back our staff for the schools and grades that are reopening
- Furloughed custodians and workers will be called back as needed
- We have 10 CNAs returning starting Monday to help at the schools
- WiFi jetpacks will be returned and will be available as needed for other students and services