



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 20, 2021, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

#### **Mayor's Office**

- The state COVID numbers are starting to trend downward with 2,567 new cases reported
- There were 45 new deaths and 2,213 cases in hospitals with 4324 in an ICU. The average age of hospitalization remained at 73 years old
- The seven day average positivity rate dropped to 5.94%
- The virus numbers are starting to trend downwards but the impact from the holiday wave is still being felt by our hospitals and health care providers. The UK variant was detected in Boston so we must continue to be vigilant

#### **Health**

##### City Case Counts

- We continue averaging about 30 new cases daily
- We have 565 open cases
- There are 23 deaths
- 103 N/A
- 2,193 recovered
- A total of 2,884 cases to date
- Our testing site numbers have a positivity rate of around 18% but many are repeat testers
- It still shows Chicopee is high and we need to remind people to stay in quarantine
- Calls are being made and individuals are being contacted to quarantine and get updates on their symptoms

#### **Police Department**

- Status Quo on services
- We had one officers experience a sever reaction to the vaccine and they are at home being watched
- Helping at the test site and the use is steady throughout the posted times
- We had to suspend four officers for not wearing a mask on duty. After repeated warnings the suspensions were issued

## Fire Department

- Status quo on services and two firefighters returned
- One of the two firefighters that were in the hospital was released home and continues to recover
- We are monitoring the one firefighter in the hospital

## Emergency Management

- Services and staffing are status quo
- The relocated test center at the Senior Center is working well
- Vaccine distribution is being tracked and monitored as we move through the phases
- There is no information being provided by the state on the next phase for seniors over 65 years old
- We are working on plans for seniors who cannot drive and do not have access to a driver. Possible vaccination sites at the Kida Apartments, McKinely House and other non-nursing home senior living areas are being discussed
- We are looking at the possibility of establishing a walk in testing site for areas where individuals who do not drive can obtain tests

## Safety

- Status Quo on staffing
- We had 347 tests conducted yesterday with 46 positive results. Many of the individuals are repeat testers
- An e-mail reminder was sent out to all Department Heads and employees reminding them to wear masks, wash their hands frequently and stay home if they feel ill
- Those employees who do not have access to email will have their Department Head remind them of these safeguards

## DPW

- Status quo on staffing
- We had one more staff member test positive when going for a routine doctor visit. Two fellow employees were contacted and have gone for testing today

## COA

- Status Quo on staff

- We are continuing with meal distribution and wellness checks
- Getting questions on vaccinations and keeping a list to provide information when we get direction from the state

### **Human Resources**

- Status Quo on services