



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, February 3, 2021, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

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

- The state COVID numbers continue trending downward with 1,963 new cases reported for a total of 67,650 open cases
- There were 45 new deaths and 1,631 cases in hospitals with 353 in an ICU. The average age of hospitalization remained at 70 years old
- The seven day average positivity rate dropped to 3.44%
- The virus numbers continue trending downwards. Vaccination of individuals 75 years and older continue and we are assisting them with appointments
- New variants are occurring and we are hoping vaccinations and protective measures will slow the spread and help reduce the virus replication which would reduce any potential variants. We must continue to wear masks, wash our hands, social distance and stay home if you don't feel well

#### **Health**

- City Case Counts
  - We have 484 open cases
  - There are 23 deaths
  - 107 N/A
  - 2,474 recovered
  - A total of 3,088 cases to date
- Work on the vaccine site continues
- The test site numbers showed a positivity rate of 25% yesterday, but only 28 individuals were tested. The snow storm kept people away and it is believed only those really ill came out to be tested
- The positivity rate of 25% was view as an outlier and due to the snow storm. Those who did go through the testing were extremely happy we were open and wanted to know if they had the virus

#### **Police Department**

- Status Quo on services

- We have two officers out with one returning and one still recovering

#### **Fire Department**

- Status quo on services and one firefighter out on quarantine
- Have potential volunteers for vaccination site if we move forward

#### **Emergency Management**

- Services and staffing are status quo
- The test site is going well

#### **Safety**

- Status Quo on staffing
- We were proud to have kept our testing site open in Chicopee on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday
- We are seeing a lower number of people getting tested per day and are reducing our staff at the test site while maintaining adequate coverage
- The vaccine site and appointment help email is drafted and ready to be released today
- The group wanted to thank all those at the test center for working through the cold and the snow to maintain testing this week

#### **DPW**

- Status quo on staffing
- We have one worker out and recovering

#### **COA**

- Status Quo on staffing and services
- Continue to handle calls on vaccination registration assistance and the state has opened some appointments today
- Tomorrow will be the next round of appointment openings and want to be ready to assist residents

#### **Human Resources**

- Status Quo on services
- Finalized job descriptions for temporary help needed for our test and vaccination efforts and ready to post when approval is given