



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, February 8, 2021, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

Mayor's Office

- The US numbers for vaccinations are showing there were over 59 million doses delivered. Of those there were 41.2 million doses administered and 31.2 million individuals had one or more doses. Also, 9.1 million people had two doses of the vaccination
- The state COVID numbers remain low with 3,004 new cases reported for a total of 59,162 open cases
- There were 76 new deaths and 1,389 cases in hospitals with 318 in an ICU. The average age of hospitalization remains at 68 years old
- The seven day average positivity rate dropped to 2.96%
- The trend is downward and we need to increase our vaccination rate. The variants are active in the US and we are seeing the Astra Zeneca vaccine not effective against the South African variant
- We need to have people vaccinated to reduce the potential for replication and more variants and to stop the spread of existing variants

Health

- City Case Counts
 - We have 358 open cases
 - There are 23 deaths
 - 110 N/A
 - 2,648 recovered
 - A total of 3,139 cases to date
 - We are seeing a reduction in daily cases and only had 16 new cases since Friday
- Work on the vaccine site continues with our Health Department doctor signing the applicant and it being submitted to the state for approval

Police Department

- Status Quo on services
- We still have one officer out with long-term concerns who is still recovering

- Testing at the Senior Center has slowed some but is still providing services throughout the sessions
- Of our patrolmen we had over 75% vaccinated to date with the second doses being administered this week

Fire Department

- Status quo on services with one firefighter out on recovery
- Have volunteers for testing and vaccination site

Emergency Management

- Services and staffing are status quo
- Food boxes for those in quarantine have been delivered to the Senior Center

Safety

- Status Quo on staffing
- The email for volunteers at the vaccination site was issued and we have five volunteers for the vaccination site
- We have worked with the Treasurer and established billing and warrant codes for vaccination activities and purchases
- We are working with the Health Department on nursing staff for vaccination and may reach out to United Personnel
- There are no School Department Nurses available as they must have medical staff available at each building for isolation and response to a possible case. The School Department had actually hired 11 additional temporary CNA staff for the schools through an agency

DPW

- Status quo on staffing
- We have one worker out and recovering
- A small group of workers were tested today who were contact traced and results will be available tomorrow

COA

- Status Quo on staffing and services
- Continue to handle calls on vaccination registration assistance and people have described frustration with the 211 process waiting 20 minutes or more to speak with a person
- We are taking vaccination appointment calls and are setting up a call transfer system with the Library as their staff has volunteered to assist with calls
- The Food Boxes are being stored in the classroom and we have a list of 38 families scheduled to receive boxes later today. A COA driver will go out and deliver the boxes
- Refrigeration is in place for the vaccination site

Human Resources

- Status Quo on services
- Will be helping with staffing needs for the vaccination site

School Department

- We had 350 additional students report today for in person learning
- These are primarily 10 through 12 grade CTE students and clean shop students at both COMP and Chicopee High School
- All teachers and Para's have reported to schools today and will teach from a classroom
- Meal services continue for both in person and remote students. The School Department must report students in person and remote and provide the data to DESE for reimbursement
- We have called back 10 food service workers from furlough today to help with meals

Treasurer

- New codes for reporting vaccination expenses were established
- Please be clear on identifying vaccination expenses as these are 100% reimbursable
- Other non-vaccination COVID expenses are only 75% reimbursable so we need to be clear on the type of expense