



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 10, 2021, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

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

- The state COVID numbers remain low with 1,319 new cases reported for a total of 52,112 open cases
- There were 68 new deaths and 1,401 cases in hospitals with 324 in an ICU. The average age of hospitalization remains at 68 years old
- The seven-day average positivity rate remained at 2.96%
- The trend is still down and we need to increase our vaccination rate. The variants are active and we are concerned about them spreading

#### **Health**

- City Case Counts
  - We have 376 open cases
  - There are 23 deaths
  - 110 N/A
  - 2,652 recovered
  - A total of 3,161 cases to date
  - We are seeing a reduction in daily cases and only had 10 new cases on Tuesday
- Work on the vaccine site continues with our Health Department approval for the site at the Senior Center
- We are waiting for approval on the PrepMod contract to use the software to process vaccinations
- We expect to have the site running in two weeks after training is completed and doses are allocated to us

#### **Police Department**

- Status Quo on services
- We now have two officers out on extended recovery with treatments continuing
- We have five officers out recovering from the second dose of the vaccine. We had the Moderna vaccine and side effects from the second dose are more pronounced
- Testing at the Senior Center has slowed due to weather but still providing services

## Fire Department

- Status quo on services with one firefighter out on recovery
- Have a couple of firefighters out with reactions to the second dose of the Moderna vaccine
- Volunteers are ready to assist with the vaccination site

## Emergency Management

- Services and staffing continue
- Helping with the search for the lost boy and with Food box deliveries
- The test center was slow due to the weather

## Safety

- Status Quo on staffing
- The email for volunteers at the vaccination site was issued and we have three confirmed volunteers for the vaccination site
- The testing Center had 66 individuals request a test on Tuesday and only three were positive
- For Chicopee residents, the seven-day positivity rate was 9.76% on Monday and 3.0% on Tuesday
- We are preparing for the vaccination site with equipment and processes
- The City Hall door monitors are being allowed to work additional hours at the vaccination center
- There appears to be additional interest in volunteering but waiting for Department heads and individuals

## DPW

- Status quo on staffing
- We have one additional worker out having tested positive
- There are a total of seven workers out either positive or in quarantine and expect many will return next week
- Mainly the quarantines are individuals in contact in a household and we are watching to see if the employee in the household gets the virus
- Service levels continue at a lower headcount and it is a challenge to fill all crews

## COA

- Status Quo on staffing and services
- Excited to start the vaccination site as we have seniors waiting for us to open a vaccination site here
- Anticipate two days of vaccinations and will need two additional staff to work the site
- Appointment calls are being sent to the Library as well as the Senior Center and we appreciate their assistance with the vaccine appointments
- There are difficulties with the Eastfield Mall site and seniors having to wait outdoors for a long time

- The Mercy Hospital site is available for appointments and we are offering that option
- Staff will be attending PrepMod training for the system to process appointments and record data
- There is online help with the system available and we are printing the FAQs and Process instructions to be distributed

#### **Human Resources**

- Status Quo on services
- We are searching for additional employees for the vaccine site