



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 22, 2021, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

Mayor's Office

- The state and national infection rates remain in a downward direction
- The state COVID numbers remain low with only 1,316 new cases reported for a total of 35,874 open cases
- There were 46 new deaths, (first time below 50 in some time) and 927 cases in hospitals, (first time below 1,000 in some time), with 234 in an ICU. The average age of hospitalization remains at 70 years old
- The seven day average positivity rate dropped below 2% to 1.86%
- We have drafted a letter to Assistant Health Commissioner Ferguson to request approval for a regional vaccination center at the K of C in Chicopee on Memorial Drive.

Health

- City Case Counts
 - We have 243 open cases
 - There are 23 deaths
 - 112 N/A
 - 2,877 recovered
 - A total of 3,255 cases to date
- The public schools opened this week for in person learning with 1,500 students attending today
- They will be in a hybrid version

Police Department

- Status Quo on services
- We have one officer out on extended recovery with treatments continuing

Fire Department

- Status quo on services with one firefighter out on long-term recovery

Emergency Management

- Services and staffing continue
- Test site is running

Safety

- Status Quo on staffing
- The test site had 44 individuals in for testing so far today and numbers have dropped to under 100
- We will cut back to Monday and Wednesday testing next week
- The schools are using pool testing and we will be the second test for any groups which test positive in the schools

DPW

- Status quo on staffing
- We have one employee out of work and a couple others quarantined at home

COA

- Status Quo on staffing and services
- We have information that Northampton will partner with Amherst as a satellite to reach the 750 per day vaccinations needed for a regional location

Human Resources

- Status Quo on services