



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, March 1, 2021, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

Mayor's Office

- The state COVID numbers continue to remain low with 1,428 new cases reported for a total of 30,062 open cases
- The state numbers were 52 new deaths and 760 cases in hospitals, with 124 in an ICU. The average age of hospitalization remained at 69 years old
- The state seven day average positivity rate remained below 2% at 1.73%
- The US reached 510,000 deaths due to COVID
- Johnson and Johnson was approved today for emergency use which would provide a third source of vaccination doses
- The state reported Chicopee as red but we have reviewed the numbers and are not sure if they agree. It appears that the testing has reported the same person as a different case if a middle initial is used or if there was a misspelling of a name

Health

- City Case Counts
 - We have 233 open cases
 - There are 23 deaths
 - 113 N/A
 - 2,948 recovered
 - A total of 3,317 cases to date
- We are ready with our vaccination site should doses be available. We have finalized the details at the K of C on Memorial Drive and have all items in place waiting for state approval and doses
- There is a lot of frustration on the part of seniors seeking vaccinations. The state released appointments on Thursday and no one was able to secure an appointment for any of the seniors on our list. We called in at 7:00 am and there were already tens of thousands of people ahead of us in the queue. By the time we reached to head of the line we were dropped with a message that no appointments are available
- There are no appointments available on Friday and again today there does not appear to be any appointments available

- There were only 215,571 doses available last week for the entire state last week and with two doses needed only half would be new appointments. We are asking people to be patient
- We continue to partner with Holyoke, South Hadley and Granby for the regional site at the K of C on Memorial Drive
- With the Johnson and Johnson approval yesterday there were an additional 3 million doses shipped out today and Massachusetts should receive some of these doses

Police Department

- Status Quo on services
- We still have one officer out on extended recovery
- An IT individual in the station tested positive for COVID and individuals were sent to the testing center to determine if anyone else tested positive

Fire Department

- Status quo on services with one firefighter out on long-term recovery
- We are looking for retail pharmacy help on vaccinations to provide doses in Chicopee. Rite Aid, Walgreens and CVS were contacted to see if they could provide vaccinations in Chicopee at their stores
- These sites are separate from the state allocations and would benefit Chicopee residents

Emergency Management

- Services and staffing continue
- Test site is running well

Safety

- Status Quo on staffing
- Ready for submission of expenses for 2020 for reimbursement through FEMA
- Working with the Veterans Services Department to bring vaccinations to Chicopee for veterans through their program for veterans under VA care
- Believe the date for VA vaccinations will be March 9th and possibly at the K of C on Memorial Drive

DPW

- Status quo on staffing
- We have one employee out and all others have returned to work

COA

- Status Quo on staffing and services
- We have information for homebound and housing mobile vaccination. We have called out to housing complexes and will work to develop vaccination at their locations through a mobile vaccination program

- CVS and Springfield Pharmacy have helped with two senior housing locations in Chicopee
- AIC nursing students will assist us at the K of C regional vaccination site when and if we get doses. They will assist with data and actual vaccination shots

Human Resources

- Status Quo on services
- Collecting application for the clerk position to help with the vaccination site and appointment process