



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

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

- The state COVID numbers remain low with 1,006 new cases reported for a total of 26,636 open cases
- The state numbers were 20 new deaths and 704 cases in hospitals, with 185 in an ICU. The average age of hospitalization remained at 69 years old
- The state seven day average positivity rate remained below 2% but increased to 1.74%
- Approximately 800 veterans were vaccinated in Holyoke yesterday and our VA had a session with about 500 people vaccinated. We did not get publicity for our clinic, we just had the Veterans vaccinated
- Springfield announced that they are working with their Housing Authority and will have a vaccination session for Housing Authority residents at Boland School
- We are waiting for doses and guidance from the state and ask residents to remain vigilant, wash their hands, social distance and stay home if they do not feel well
- We are continuing our testing to limit the spread of the virus
- We have 2,600 seniors on our list for vaccination appointments and are waiting for slots or for doses from the state to our approved site
- Currently if you go to the state website for vaccinations there are no locations in Chicopee listed which is frustrating

#### **Health**

- City Case Counts
  - We have 14 cases so far today
  - There are 200 open cases
  - There are 25 deaths
  - 114 N/A
  - 3,076 recovered
  - A total of 3,415 cases to date
- We have checked with Housing Authorities and the Director has partnered with a pharmacy in Pittsfield to try and get doses

- The state guidelines require the residents of the Housing Authority to be inoculated at the housing complex or in their apartments. Not sure how Springfield can make them go to Boland School
- Teachers will be eligible tomorrow for doses so we will be competing with this new group as we seek to get seniors over 76 years old appointments for their first dose

#### **Police Department**

- Status Quo on services
- We have one officer out on long-term recovery
- Two officers remain in quarantine testing positive
- We received a complaint about officers not wearing masks in public and will remind all officers to wear masks
- We had one officer suspended for not wearing a mask and that appeared to correct the situation but a reminder will be sent

#### **Fire Department**

- Status quo on services with one firefighter out on long-term recovery
- No additional cases

#### **Emergency Management**

- Services and staffing continue
- Spoke with Springfield Emergency Management and Health Department and was told the state is allocating doses directly to housing complexes and to the Eastfield Mall. The city did not know about the dose allocations until the Health Department called the Housing Authority and did not know about Eastfield Mall being chosen until the state set up the site
- Indicated that other cities and towns have not gotten any better communications from the state than we have been getting

#### **Safety**

- Status Quo on staffing
- There were 89 tests administered on Monday with 9 positives and four were repeat positives with only five new positives
- We are getting a steady rate of testing today and will report out numbers when completed

#### **DPW**

- Status quo on staffing
- We have one employee out on quarantine due to a family cluster

## COA

- Status Quo on staffing and services
- We have 2,600 seniors on our original listing and have been able to get over 260 appointments with about 2,300 seniors still in need of an appointment
- The Pittsfield pharmacy indicated they may only be able to get us 100 doses for our housing authority cases and we have over 800 residents in need of a vaccination
- Working with Western Mass Elder Care on homebound and they reported 40 individuals but have not yet supplied names and addresses
- If we do not get doses in Chicopee we will need to plan a way of getting seniors to Eastfield Mall or another site using our transportation resources and staff

## Human Resources

- Status Quo on services
- A member of our staff went through the Eastfield Mall vaccination process at the site. The signage was not useful but the process was the same as we had set up for the COA and for the Castle of Knights