



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 29, 2021, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

Mayor's Office

- Our Vaccine site with Granby and South Hadley was approved. Holyoke was not mentioned by the state in the approval and we are working with Holyoke to determine what their role will be in the site
- The Vaccine Task Force is meeting and will prepare to launch the site
- Questions are being provided to the MA DPH on the requirements and expectations
- Our plan was submitted and is being implemented with details being finalized
- The infection numbers in NY and NJ are increasing. The infection rate had increased by 30% in one month
- We are concerned about the rate of infection in MA and Chicopee with the Spring Break report from Florida and variants spreading
- The Mayor's Office is getting calls to open the Senior Center, Library, City Hall, and put hoops back up at the parks. People are frustrated and tired of COVID safeguards. We must be vigilant and keep people safe
- The state COVID numbers again were increasing with 1,817 new cases reported for a total of 30,772 open cases
- The state numbers were 29 new deaths and 657 cases in hospitals, with 141 in an ICU. The average age of hospitalization remained at 63 years old
- The state seven day average positivity rate remained above 2% with an increase to 2.28%
- Testing is active with 75,179 molecular tests reported bringing cumulative tests to 18,603,966 tests
- The numbers continue to stay high and vaccinations are increasing
- The ventilation equipment for P.E. Bowe School has not arrived and we will look into alternatives to have the students back with in person learning

Health

- We continue to have our city numbers trend in the wrong direction and the weekend numbers saw an increase with 42 new cases
- We are asking everyone to wear masks, wash hands, socially distance and remain vigilant
- City Case Counts
 - There are 207 open cases

- There are 26 deaths
- 115 N/A
- 3,308 recovered
- A total of 3,656 cases to date
- We are working with the DPH on our Castle of Knights as a vaccination site and will wait for doses

Police Department

- Status Quo on services
- We still have one officer out on long-term recovery

Fire Department

- Status quo on services with one firefighter out on long-term recovery
- PPE and services are good with new Ladder Truck in service

Emergency Management

- Services and staffing continue
- Working on Vaccination site with Health Department

Safety

- Status Quo on staffing
- There were 31 tests administered so far on Monday
- We had six positive on Monday and 3 on Wednesday
- Our supply of PPE is adequate and will prepare for the opening of the vaccination site
- The positions needed for the vaccination site are posted and we will be ready with some applications already received
- The nursing position will be challenging to fill

DPW

- Status quo on staffing
- All services continue

COA

- Status Quo on staffing and services

Human Resources

- Status Quo on services