



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 Friday, May 21, 2021, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

Mayor's Office

- The state reported there were 538 new cases yesterday for a total of 11,507 open cases which is the lowest number of open cases for some time
- The state numbers indicated 9 new deaths yesterday and as we discussed in the past it takes over three days for the virus to manifest itself and treatment is a long process in severe cases. The deaths may be from individuals who contracted the virus some time ago and we expect the number of deaths to decrease in the near future
- The state had 327 cases in hospitals, with 91 in an ICU. The average age of hospitalization increased to 59 years old showing that younger individuals have been getting vaccinated and protected
- The state seven day average positivity is 1.03%
- Testing is continuing with 56,711 molecular tests reported and brings the cumulative tests to 22,539,180 tests
- The state numbers continue to move in a hopeful direction
- Chicopee remained in the “Yellow” category as expected and in Hampden county only four municipalities are Yellow, Springfield, Chicopee, Holyoke and Ludlow. This is a great sign as we approach summer
- There are only two “Red” category cities, Lawrence and New Bedford. This shows the relaxation of COVID protocols was justified and re-opening faster was warranted. We monitor for any new waves of cases and adjustments in our requirements
- We are looking at fireworks in Chicopee and are working on a date and display. Because fireworks were not anticipated by manufacturers obtaining fireworks has been difficult, but we continue to work on this

Health

- City Case Counts (NO NEW CASES REPORTED)
 - There are 98 open cases
 - There are 26 deaths
 - 120 N/A

- 4,176 recovered
- A total of 4,420 cases to date
- We continue to have a low infection rate in Chicopee

Police Department

- Status quo on services, the one officer test positive for COVID has been retested a couple times and continue to test positive. The officer is not a false positive, even though no symptoms of COVID are exhibited

Fire Department

- Status quo on services

Emergency Management

- Status quo on services and staffing

Safety

- Status Quo on staffing
- We had 20 tests on Wednesday and had two positive. One was the Police Officer and one was a new case

DPW

- Status quo on staffing
- Reminding employees to continue to wear masks until May 29th as they are anxious to not wear them in this hot weather

COA

- Status Quo on staffing and services
- The area COAs are working on a group approach to re-opening and have not had any consensus on protocols yet for re-opening

Human Resources

- Status Quo on services

Treasurer

- Status Quo