



Mayor Vieau - COVID-19 Situational Update

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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, April 6, 2020, the following City of Chicopee Departments has reported:

Mayor's Office

- Daily meeting with COVID-19 leadership team to assess priority items and responses
- Extension of all non-essential staff until May 4, 2020 - with work-from-home procedures
- Continued coordination with City health and emergency management
- Continued efforts in response of services, relief, and recovery measures to the best interest of the Chicopee community
- Continuing efforts to secure PPE for our City Departments with emphasis to CPD/CFD
- Maintaining Municipal services

Health Department

- **82 Total To-Date as of 04/6/2020 10:10 AM - all demographics and ages**
 - 72 tested/confirmed cases
 - 9 recovered cases
 - 1 death
- Maintaining message to remain in social isolation
- Volunteer nurses staffing issues – situation resolved following meeting
- Code Enforcement Team continues health code enforcement with assistance of CPD
 - Contacting nursing homes and assisted living centers for status updates and well-being check ins

Police Department

- Continue existing operations with Coronavirus prevention operations in place w/plans for public safety in the event officers become symptomatic
- COVID-19 Case Summary of Police Department – None to date



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- Outfit public safety personnel with personal protection equipment (PPE)
- COA unit established – 2 officers in full uniform and PPE
 - Utilizing 2 COA vehicles (not undercover vehicles)
 - Check on high-priority seniors
 - Encouraging Meals on Wheels/COA Meals sign-ups
- Supplies PPE
 - Holyoke Medical Center has rerouted ordering of kits to MEMA
 - ALL ordering needs to go through Emergency Management (Glenn Joslyn) Access
 - Patriots Place/Plane offering pickup of 2 kits (250 N95) via Facebook
 - CPD needs to order supplies for stock up through Fall – Officer Laflamme charged with this task
 - Mayor will talk w/ Auditor to get more funds for PPE through the \$250,000 COVID-19 Funding – submit funding request to Treasurers
- 3 Officers currently scheduled for National Guard in June (non-COVID related)
- CPD does not have a need for State Police supplemented staffing at this time
- First Responders/Essential Staff – Hotel/Motel Self-Quarantine placement with food supply chain supplements – Officer Davis is contact for this need
- CPD is utilizing Local Company for sterilization of cells/vehicles (as needed)
 - 2 Minute Kill spray provided from MEMA for spraying vehicles between calls
- Special Police Officers activated to assist where needed
- Utilizing message boards around the city with positive messages!

Fire Department

- Expressed (same as CPD) MEMA frustrations w/ PPE supply access
- Needs N95 Masks
- COVID-19 Case Summary of Fire Department
 - 1 tested/confirmed cases
 - 3 self-quarantine cases
 - 1 quarantine released case
- Department requested no cross jobs within Fire Department to limit exposure to all staff
- 1 CFD Staff member has been activated w/ special training

Council on Aging



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- Transportation for seniors as emergency calls
 - Essential Shopping trips – pharmacy, grocery, etc.
 - Medical needs trips – doctor visits, eye exams, dental, etc.
- Wellness Checks for over 800+ including:
- Special Prepared Dinners and Weekend packages available
 - Grab and Go - 4+ orders since start on 04/03/2020
 - Meals on Wheels – 100+ delivered daily

DPW

- Continue existing operations with Coronavirus prevention operations in place
- Utilizing creative ways to rotate staff and provide city services
- Low on hand sanitizer & masks for high-need water testing situations
 - Limited unnecessary testing to absolute need
- Full cleaning of trucks and equipment on Friday for Monday's new team
- EM Director Joslyn to give access to OSHA Coordinator Soja for PPE orders
 - Soja requested copy on ALL Departments PPE orders for OSHA tracking list
 - Asking for more reach out to Hotels, Warehouses, Companies, etc. for request of PPE supply
 - Letter to be sent out from Mayor for help with supply to be delivered to
 - CFD - Officer Brown
 - CPD – Officer Laflamme
 - DPW – Coordinator Soja

Parks Department

- Parks are still open – people are walking and maintaining social distancing
 - Removal of basketball hoops, tennis nets, etc.
 - Taped off jungle gyms, playscape, etc.
- Fencing and locks are being cut by vandals at skate parks, etc.