



## 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 Tuesday, April 7, 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

- **83 Total To-Date as of 04/6/2020 10:10 AM - all demographics and ages**
  - 73 tested/confirmed cases
  - 9 recovered cases – Arnolds Meats to recover 9 people
  - 1 death
- Maintaining message to remain in social isolation
- Tracing is mandatory
- Code Enforcement Team continues health code enforcement with assistance of CPD – 1 added SPD
  - 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)
- Getting equipment delivered - PPE
- Big E – becoming a testing site for First Responders Only – Date TBD
  - Will need not need to present with symptoms to qualify for testing
- C-3 - working with Lorraine's Soup Kitchen to help the homeless during this pandemic
  - LSK is offering food w/bag lunches
  - EM will be placing a Wash Station outside (parking lot) the C-3 for homeless
    - 40 Gallon soap and water washing station to be manned by EM

### Fire Department

- Still needs N95 Masks
- COVID-19 Case Summary of Fire Department
  - 1 tested/confirmed cases
  - 3 self-quarantine cases
  - 1 quarantine released case
- Lockboxes will be available for installation if Emergency/Extenuating Case arises

### Council on Aging

- 20-30+ House calls made by police on 04/06/2020
- Wellness Checks for over 800+ -divided among staff for check-in calls
  - Food needs
  - Medical needs
- Special Prepared Dinners and Weekend packages available
  - Grab and Go - 6+ orders since start on 04/03/2020
  - Meals on Wheels – 100+ delivered daily
  - More advertisement and press release sent 04/06/2020

### DPW

- Forestry is working on stumps due to reduced staffing / next week will be more tree issues
- Continue existing operations with Coronavirus prevention operations in place
- Utilizing creative ways to rotate staff and provide city services



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- Yellow Bags will continue to be required due to reduced staff and social distancing issues.
- Drop off station will remain open for drop-off
- 2 DPW workers are self-quarantined due to exposure in off week.
- Household Hazardous Day will be rescheduled to June 13<sup>th</sup>
- City construction will continue to ramp up with oversight from engineers
  - Vertical construction continues with social distancing
  - Horizontal construction affected due to some contractors are halting

### Parks Department

- Parks are still open – people are walking and maintaining social distancing
- Cemetery Business is on an uptick with increased need for burials
  - Crew is lessened in parks
- Following MIAA guidelines in respect to youth programs/sports
  - OPEE signup day is being postponed date to be determined

### School Department

- Working with homeless shelters to purchase hotspots for students
- 1600+ Chromebooks given out
- 20,000+ meals given out weekly through the Chicopee Fresh food sites

### Emergency Management

- OSHA Coordinator Soja assigned to PPE orders
  - Requests to MEMA are continuing
    - 700+ surgical masks
    - 800+ N95 masks (MEMA asking for a reduced order with more information)
      - Burn rating/on-hand inventory
  - Will order Hand sanitizer from Water Dept. supplier
    - 10 cases (12 bottle per case)
  - Letter to be sent out from Mayor for help with supply to be delivered to
    - CFD - Officer Brown
    - CPD – Officer Laflamme



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- DPW – Coordinator Soja

### Veterans Department

- Staff is rotating 1 body in office and remainder works from home
- Staff is continually taking applications for benefits and reimbursement processing from home
  - Still filing appropriate requests for state, federal benefits just at a slower pace
- Continuing outreach to veterans for food scarcity and food resources
  - Will be hosting one in Agawam this week – enough food for 2 Adults for 14 days
- Holyoke Soldiers Home
  - 25 deaths to-date