



Mayor Vieau - COVID-19 Situational Update

We are in this together!

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, May 20, 2020, the following City of Chicopee Departments has reported:

Mayor's Office

- Receiving questions from other communities on coordinating and working together on summer programs and recreation
- Mayor is on conference call with other Mayor's sharing information on reopening and finances

Health Department

- We have 150 open cases, 187 people who have recovered and six deaths.
- Receiving questions on places of worship and working with them on reopening
- Will be continuing to educate businesses and individuals in requirements and reopening

Police Department

- Status quo on department and services. Still have one officer on quarantine and will be out next week
- Working on Summer staffing and planning for summer
- Approach continues to be counseling and education

Fire Department

- The Department is status quo with staff in place and services continuing
- Have adequate PPE for department and building a stockpile in case of second wave

Emergency Management

- We are continuing with services and support
- Picking up a PPE delivery from MEMA of 1,400 N-95 masks and surgical masks
- Will present grant paperwork for reimbursement

- Assisting with food delivery

COA

- Continuing with services and calling seniors
- Will need help on Friday as receiving a donation of 120 cases of meat to distribute to seniors
- Police will help with pickup truck and Emergency Management vehicle
- Also, need help with meal preparation on Friday

DPW

- Staffing is full and services are continuing
- Have adequate PPE for staff and offices at full staff
- One and a half crews are working on pot holes this week

Parks

- Staffing in place now and working on summer staffing
- Parks are included in Phase II and III of the reopening task force plan
- There has not been any guidance provided by the state at this time
- For summer camp if allowed will use schools and working with schools on use of several buildings
- Hoping to open a couple pools and tennis courts for part of the summer
- Working with leagues on softball and baseball awaiting Governor's guidelines
- Pavilions have been taped off and signs being put up that they are closed and not open to the public and should not be used. This should aid Police in enforcement
- For gatherings in the park they are limited to ten or less and if more being told to disperse
- No permits are being issued for cookouts or use of picnic grounds
- Summer concert series is postponed and may reopen at end of summer depending upon Governor's guidelines

Veterans Services

- Status quo on staffing and providing services
- Finalizing our Memorial Day presentation and program and Vietnam Veterans ceremony
- Will include State Rep and Senator speeches on programs
- Working with Parks to establish 15 Veterans parking spots and six Goldstar family parking spots at parks. These will be in place for Memorial Day.