



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 Friday, July 31, 2020, the following City of Chicopee Departments has reported:

Mayor's Office

- The Health Director is on vacation and reported that Chicopee has 45 open cases
 - We had the following cases this week:
 - July 26 2 cases
 - July 27 4 cases, 2 from same household
 - July 28 1 case
 - July 29 2 cases
 - July 30 4 cases (2 from same household associated with a household from July 26)
 - July 31 4 cases (2 from same household, 1 from the nursing home all in their 70's)
 - We have 436 recovered cases and 47 N/A
 - Still at 10 deaths
- There was an outbreak at a nursing center with six positive cases reported. The state Department of Public Health has an epidemiologist there and is monitoring the situation
- At a center in Chicopee there was a staff meeting and one of the individuals was positive. A person brought their three year old to the meeting and the three year old tested positive. The three year old went to a day care provider and the 10 children at the day care provider are currently under quarantine as well as the three daycare staff members.
- The outbreak at Bay State Medical Center was increased to 40 individuals and two are in Chicopee. We need to continue to be vigilant and follow protocols
- Elms College will be reopening and has discussed their protocol with us. They will have a hybrid form of opening with resident and commuter students in reduced classes. They have taken precautions and are working with our Health Department. They will be testing every student and continuing to test students every couple weeks

- We will be making decisions about our public school system next week and deciding upon reopening plans
- Municipal offices will continue in an appointment only protocol
- We have issued our rent assistance program and working with Valley Opportunity Council have developed a program where they can direct individuals to programs and resources to help them

Police Department

- Status quo on services and staffing
- The rescue vehicle was delivered today and we hope we never have to use it
- Still waiting on test results for the two officers who went out of state to pick up a prisoner

Fire Department

- Status quo with staffing and supplies

Emergency Management

- Services continue and status is good
- Will attend the 12:30 call on hurricane warning and tracking

Safety

- Status Quo on services and staffing
- The PPE storage looks good and we continue to work on storage at the Police and Fire Departments to have a greater supply for them available immediately if needed
- Seeking to determine if we will receive a second supply of PPE from MEMA of masks, goggles and shields
- There is a group being formed to track progress on a vaccine and a plan on administration of a vaccine if it's made available

COA

- Status Quo on services and staffing.
- No air conditioning in kitchen

DPW

- Status quo on staffing and services