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, August 12, 2020, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

Mayor's Office

- The School Committee will have a meeting tonight on reopening schools
- The state COVID numbers are 296 new cases, 10 new deaths
- The numbers and data show no increase in infection rates
- We are a yellow city under the state's new rating system. If you look at the numbers we would be a green city if we removed the recent nursing home cases. Yellow is 4 to 8 cases per 100,000 and green is less than four. With removal of the nursing home we would be 2 cases per 100,000
- Masks are being worn but there are pockets where people are not wearing masks. We need to encourage mask wearing, but do not want to be like Northampton or Amherst with mask orders in place for the city
- Working with athletic groups to have soccer programs active in the parks this summer and fall

Health

- We have 39 active cases, and if we take out the 17 from the nursing home would only have 22 cases
- We have 480 cases that are recovered
- 50 cases are N/A and 10 deaths
- Not since March have we been below 25 active cases so removal of the nursing home from the community numbers makes a difference

Police Department

- Status quo on services and staffing
- There will be two officers at the School Committee meeting tonight

Fire Department

- Status quo with staffing and equipment
- Call volume is average

Emergency Management

- Services continue and recovered from the tropical storm

Safety

- Status Quo on services and staffing
- CPR training was successful and beneficial to both employees and city

COA

- Status Quo on services and staffing
- Have a meal program distribution today

DPW

- Status quo on staffing and services