



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, September 11, 2020, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

#### **Mayor's Office**

- The state COVID numbers are 363 new cases, 20 new deaths, and over 2.85 million tests
- Looking forward to start of school next week. Ventilation report was received and only some recommendations, with no required changes
- We are watching the response to COVID positive cases of one student at Pope Francis Academy and one staff member at Ludlow Public schools
- We believe our protocols and procedures are similar to those of these schools and will make any changes based upon lessons learned from these cases
- The Safety Complex held a 9/11 memorial and we all should take time to remember those who lost their lives 19 years ago

#### **Health**

- We have 24 active cases with four new cases reported Wednesday and none yesterday. Two cases reported were from households that already had someone active with the virus infection. When a virus is in a household generally everyone in the household gets infected
- We are at 17 deaths and have 527 recovered cases and 62 N/A
- These will keep us solidly in the green category

#### **Police Department**

- Status quo on services and staffing
- Touchless hand sanitizers have been installed at doors

#### **Fire Department**

- Status quo on services and staffing

### **Emergency Management**

- Services and staffing continuing
- Have ordered a large tent and two smaller pop up tents for outdoor use if there is a situation or for potential vaccine distribution. The cost was \$13,000 and we can use heater in the tents if needed

### **Safety**

- Status Quo on services and staffing
- Working with Treasurer and Emergency Management on MEMA reimbursements
- Our school PPE is in place and we have supplies for the rest of the first term
- Every school has an ionizer and tablets for disinfecting
- The ventilation report was reviewed with maintenance

### **COA**

- Status Quo on services and staffing
- Continuing with meal and Zoom programs

### **DPW**

- Status quo on staffing and services
- All departments are in service

### **Veterans**

- Staffing is full and services are continuing
- We are seeing clients and making call outs
- There was a 9-11 outdoor prayer service today. Traditional programs were suspended if it would be unsafe due to COVID-19 considerations. We are urging everyone to remember 9-11
- Anticipant a non-eventful open to schools and are working to provide veteran's day services at the schools. These will be different due to COVID and remote learning
- Processing state and federal veteran's benefits. So far none of the burial benefits were COVID related
- A survey on the Soldier's Home will be distributed and we are asking all Department heads to complete the survey and get it out to employees. The responses will help determine services and the planning for updates at eh Soldier's Home. It is due by the end of next week
- The satellite pantry is continuing with help from Project New Hope providing food items. This service is used frequently

- We have continued our two month outreach program and response is positive with veterans talking longer than usual to staff