



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 Monday, September 28, 2020, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

Mayor's Office

- The state COVID numbers are 594 new cases, 13 new deaths, and 3.88 million tests
- These numbers continue to show an increase in cases and we are hoping there will not be a second wave
- Again thanks to all the municipal departments for their work on Thursday's event. Proud of everyone for their teamwork and coordination which was acknowledged by most state departments in the final debrief
- We are receiving complaints on store employees not wearing masks at several of the businesses on Memorial Drive. Health and the Police Department will follow up with the stores
- Welcome to Donna Liska as she takes on the role of the Police Department PIO

Health

- We have 30 active cases with one case reported yesterday, one Saturday and one Friday
- We are at 17 deaths, have 550 recovered cases and 67 are N/A
- Of the thirty active cases three are families and have children who participated in youth sports. The Health Department and School Departments are working on the contact tracing since there are over 40 individuals from the team sports being contacted. All children will need to quarantine, but there was no exposure in the public schools

Police Department

- Status quo on services and staffing
- Flu shots are available today at the PD for any municipal employee
- Will be receiving the electrostatic sprayer today

Fire Department

- Status quo on services and staffing
- Also receiving an electrostatic sprayer
- Wanted to again thank everyone for their cooperation, support and teamwork on the event Thursday

Emergency Management

- Services and staffing continuing

Safety

- Status Quo on services and staffing
- Posters were placed in buildings
- Getting more supplies for inventory and use in the next month

COA

- Status Quo on services and staffing
- Zoom classes are continuing with interest building

DPW

- Status quo on staffing and services
- Also thanks to DPW for help on Thursday with equipment and coordination

Schools

- Status Quo on staffing and all classes are covered
- Preparing for additional in person students next week with about 800 students in K, 1st, 6th and 9th grade returning
- School Staff were declared essential employees so they now can return after a positive test if they were exposed and not have to quarantine 14 days
- Tents are going up at 14 schools to accommodate therapy, Occupational therapy, counseling sessions and other activities. This will get children outside and allow for open air meetings with students