



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, October 14, 2020, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

Mayor's Office

- The state COVID numbers are 632 new cases, 12 new deaths, and 5 million tests
 - The new case numbers continue to be high and trending higher
- State numbers are spiking and Chicopee has also seen a concern in cases with one staff member at Chicopee Comprehensive High School testing positive and contract tracing requiring 21 students to quarantine
- With 57,000+ people in Chicopee we need to average 4.5 cases or less per day to stay “Yellow” in the state traffic light map
 - Totalling 43 cases over the current two week period - which if it continues in this upward trend – we could face becoming ‘red’ in the coming weeks

Health

- We have 49 active cases with 21 cases reported Saturday through Tuesday and five cases reported so far today
- We are stable at 17 deaths
- Case trends
 - Two families with multiple cases in the household
 - Tracing is showing exposure at retirement parties, weddings, diner parties and family gatherings where people are more relaxed with each other
- Outlook moving forward is worrisome - are seeing more indoor gatherings, more restaurant usage, and more face to face events – which will likely increase the number of cases

Police Department

- Of the 5 officers tested positive – one is confirmed covid free and has returned to work

- Some family members are impacted as the officers are quarantining at work
- The cluster is under control and officers are back to a more comfortable working environment
- Building is disinfected three times a day
- Anticipate the Station reopening to LTC and records requests on Monday
- Still encourage use of N-95 masks, but will allow personnel to wear other masks if they prefer
- Have ordered more masks and sanitizer for the buildings and getting donations from businesses

Fire Department

- Status quo on services and staffing

Emergency Management

- Services and staffing are continuing
- Working on tents and heaters to allow for the Senior Center to continue to serve meals outside to vehicles

Safety

- Status Quo on services and staffing
- Reimbursement work with the Treasurer is being finalized for FEMA to be filed on October 15th
- Reminding ALL staff to wear face masks and wash hands especially in common areas or driving with other employees in close contact in vehicles
- Plan is in place for early voting
 - If a person shows signs of the virus they will be given the opportunity to complete an absentee ballot or vote on election day
 - No one with a temperature above 100.4 or coughing and sneezing will be allowed into the building
 - A separate entrance
 - Disinfecting of the doors and areas will be done frequently

COA

- Status Quo on services and staffing
- Tents were ordered and working on a heating source for inside tents for food distribution at the Center

DPW

- Status quo on staffing and services
- No cases at DPW but some scares with individuals sent home