



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, October 16, 2020, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

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

- The state COVID numbers are 568 new cases, 23 new deaths, and 5 million tests. The case numbers continue to be high and trend higher indicating a possible second wave
- The press briefing in Chicopee has been well covered and our warnings to residents were broadcast. Thanks to all departments for participating
- We are working on setting the tax rate with the Assessors, Treasurer, Auditor, and Collector
  - The numbers are challenging and we are looking to share the pain with taxpayers by providing some tax relief
- The City is in a strong financial situation, but cash flow to pay operating expenses is a concern

#### **Health**

- We have 42 active cases with no new cases reported yesterday.
  - Many of the active cases dropped as a few families dropped off the active case count
  - Staying steady at 17 deaths
- We need to continue to be careful or we will be moved to the red category in the traffic light mapping

#### **Police Department**

- One officer not feeling well
  - Told to quarantine an test
  - He tested negative and will return
- Building is disinfected three times a day
- Services continue uninterrupted except for LTC and records which are by appointment only

#### **Fire Department**

- Status quo on services and staffing

### **Emergency Management**

- Services and staffing are continuing
- Working on portable message boards to transmit message on wearing a mask, wash hands, and stay home if feeling ill

### **Safety**

- Status Quo on services and staffing
- Reminder on guidelines and protocol was sent to Department Heads and employees by e-mail
- Early voting protocol was sent by e-mail to all City Hall employees and Department Heads
- Working on reimbursements for supplies and materials. Have questions on payroll and overtime and waiting for state response

### **COA**

- Status Quo on services and staffing
- Meal delivery continues and classes on Zoom are being presented

### **DPW**

- Status quo on staffing and services