



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, November 2, 2020, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

Mayor's Office

- The state COVID numbers are 1,139 new cases
- There were 22 new deaths and totaling about 10,000 deaths in the state
- Testing is now over 6 million
- For the US we are at 230,884 deaths which was predicted for the COVID outbreak to be 200,000 so we are above the predicted total of deaths and at 9.1 million cases in the US
- We made it through Halloween without any reports of large parties and gatherings

Health

City Case Counts

- 141 Open cases
 - 21 cases reported over the weekend which goes from late Friday through early Monday
 - 17 deaths with no new deaths reported
 - 68 N/A
 - 628 Recovered
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- The case total of 141 open is the highest number we have had
 - Expect to be red/high-risk again for the third week
 - No transmission has been encountered in the schools
 - Transmission has been through family gatherings and in households

Police Department

- We are fully staffed and have no new cases reported
 - The one officer out continues to recover and is doing better

Fire Department

- Status quo on services and full staffing
 - One firefighter test positive and is in quarantine with no indication of a severe case
 - There were two firefighters referred for testing

Emergency Management

- Services and staffing are continuing
- We are working with Bay State Medical Center for rapid testing of first responders.

Safety

- Status Quo on services and staffing
- Submitted CARES Act reimbursement requests
- PPE inventory and stock appears adequate
- We will send out an email reminding employees of travel restrictions to other states as we approach holidays and vacation time

DPW

- Status quo on staffing and services

School Department

- Paused the entrance of the next phase of students
 - watching for any in school transmission of the virus
- The School Department chose not to participate in the DESE testing program as they are not using the antigen test. Health Department indicated the antigen test is the more reliable test.
 - Do not want ill people going to school buildings for testing
 - Feel testing through DESE program is not advisable at this time
- Providing breakfast, lunch and dinner for students with over 33,000 meals a week served