



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, November 13, 2020, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

Mayor's Office

- The state COVID numbers are 2047 new cases on Tuesday, 2,495 new cases on Wednesday and 2,482 new cases on Thursday with a positivity rate of 2.90%
- There were 21 new deaths on Tuesday and 618 cases in hospitals with 150 in an ICU, Wednesday saw 659 hospitalizations with 152 in ICU and Thursday there were 661 hospitalizations with 151 in ICU. The average age of hospitalization was constant at 67 and average age of deaths was at 80
- This is showing a large increase in cases and hospitalizations across the state
- Some areas are setting up field hospitals
- We did an advisory yesterday on staying vigilant and reminded everyone to wash their hands, social distance and stay at home if you feel ill. Chicopee's virus outbreak is mainly due to spread from social gatherings and within a household. People are also not going through the entire 14 day quarantine and appear to be leaving their homes still contagious.
- We also announced that our schools would go to full remote starting Wednesday, November 18th and would not return to in-person learning until at least December 7th
- The stay-at-home advisory which is in effect from 10:00 pm to 5:00 am should help with the spread and we remind people to stay at home during these times
- Bay State Medical Center indicated testing may become an issue with the increase in the rate of infections.
 - They maintain a two week supply which is provided by the state.
 - They cannot stockpile tests.
 - Bay State Medical Center indicated we are in competition with other states for testing and impacted with the increased infection rate in the mid-west and west.
 - Want to provide rapid testing but process is difficult
 - The hospitals cannot use rapid testing as they must have a 90% accuracy rate and that is only capable from the one day or two day testing

Health

City Case Counts

- 302 open cases which is the highest we have ever seen
 - We are averaging 20+ cases per-day
 - 17 deaths with no new deaths reported
 - 73 N/A
 - 686 recovered with a total of 1078 cases
- We are now at Red/High-Risk as a community
 - There is difficulty with quarantine in a household since these individuals are in tight quarters with one shared bathroom and the inability to separate in the household
 - It is evident that people are not staying home for the full 14 days and leaving quarantine prematurely
 - Individuals must cooperate with contact tracing efforts and disclose contact information.
 - Chicopee residents do not appear to want to cooperate by disclosing their contacts for the last two days

Police Department

- We are fully staffed and have one officer out
- Hand sanitizer was delivered to the Department and supply appears adequate now

Fire Department

- Status quo on services and full staffing

Emergency Management

- Services and staffing are continuing
- We received KN-95 masks for the Police to distribute in the community while on patrol.
 - Masks were provided by MEMA as part of an initiative to get everyone to wear masks
- We are reminding officers that there is a mandatory mask order and even if they are outside on a detail they must wear masks

Safety

- Status Quo on services and staffing
- Working on reimbursement for FEMA and MEMA

DPW

- Status quo on staffing and services with no employee out

COA

- Status Quo on staff and servicing - Working on a structure for meal distribution services

