



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

#### Mayor's Office

- The state COVID numbers are 3,720 new cases reported
- There were 55 new deaths and 1,834 cases in hospitals with 371 in an ICU. The average age of hospitalization remained at 69 and average age of deaths remained at 82
- The seven day average positivity is at 5.88% which is somewhat higher
- There is a marked difference in the number of deaths from last spring to today. While the infection rate appears similar there are far fewer deaths now
- We have developed a treatment protocol and therapies are effective in decreasing the severity of the virus and stopping its progression
- We have signed contracts for COVID testing and are developing the process for testing
- If an employee feels sick they are being reminded to stay home
- The Moderna vaccine is scheduled to be reviewed and up for potential approval by the end of this week
- Testing and vigilance is needed until we have wide distribution of the vaccine
- We believe that testing will save lives and even though there is a home test being approved by the FDA, our testing program will be in place next week and will be free for Chicopee residents
- We don't know when the at home testing will be available after its approved and if states will recognize it for visitors and people going across state lines

#### Health

##### City Case Counts

- We have 836 open cases as of this morning
- The deaths in the City have increased by one to 22 deaths.
  - The person who passed away was only in their 50's

- 89 N/A
  - 1099 recovered
  - A total of 2,046 cases to date
- We continue to treat the two clusters at congregate care facilities
  - One Health Department employee continues to quarantine
  - We will be opening testing for residents but need volunteers to man the site
  - The Vaccine task force will meet as we get closer to distribution of the vaccine in Chicopee

### **Police Department**

- Status Quo on services
- There still is one officer out

### **Fire Department**

- Status quo on services
- We have two Firefighter on quarantine

### **Emergency Management**

- Services and staffing are continuing
- Working on logistics for the COVID testing and setting up site at Chicopee COMP

### **Safety**

- Status Quo on services and staffing
- We have downloaded a listing of residents from the Register of Voters census data into the test data but CIC will not allow us to set up accounts on their system. We will have to manually input information into the CIC system
- The additional shipment of gloves and PPE for testing is being delivered to COMP
- The storm may impact our delivery of test kits to COMP
- We have eight volunteers signed up and more are interested. We need to provide them details of how and where they will work with residents
- The Friday soft launch with employees will not work due to the snow and logistics
- Dr. Beltrain will be at our Vaccine Task Force and provide information on the distribution of vaccines in Chicopee

## DPW

- Status quo on staffing and services
- Have prepared for the storm tonight

## COA

- Status Quo on staff and servicing
- The PNCU will be distributing food boxes for Christmas today

## Human Resources

- Status Quo on services and employees
- Our contacts have told us the December 31<sup>st</sup> deadline for COVID FMLA benefits has not been extended by the federal government. We will apply standard leave and time off policies going forward from December 31<sup>st</sup>.