



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 23, 2020, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

Mayor's Office

- The state COVID numbers are 3, 932 new cases reported
- There were 43 new deaths and 2,004 cases in hospitals with 412 in an ICU. The average age of hospitalization remained at 67 and average age of deaths remained at 81
- The seven day average positivity rate increased to 5.98% which is only a slight increase
- We opened our test program for Chicopee residents and first responders conducting 384 test through yesterday and 304 today for a total of 688 the first week
- Lines moved well and the wait time was reported as 15 minutes
- We need more volunteers for data entry and will need additional PPE as the burn rate is fast. Especially gloves are needed to continue the testing
- The Governor has changed the guidelines and reduce gatherings effective December 26th
 - Indoor gatherings are limited to 10 people both public and private
 - Outdoor gatherings are limited to 25 people for both public and private gatherings
 - Restaurants, offices, churches, libraries, office spaces, museums and fitness facilities are reduced to 25% of occupancy
 - Schools, Police and Fire are exempted
- Schools must follow the DESE guidelines

Health

City Case Counts

- There were 26 cases reported yesterday which is a slight improvement
- We have 970 open cases
- The deaths in the City are at 22 deaths
- 93 N/A
- 1161 recovered

- A total of 2,238 cases to date
- We continue to stress the guidelines and ask people to stay in quarantine if infected. People should not be leaving their homes if they are infected

Police Department

- Status Quo on services
- One officer out and being treated for lung issues
- No issues with businesses and stressing wearing masks

Fire Department

- Status quo on services
- Assisting with the testing center

Emergency Management

- Services and staffing are continuing
- Working at the COVID testing at COMP

Safety

- Status Quo on staffing
- There is adequate PPE for testing at COMP but will need additional gloves soon
- Process is working well and residents generally are appreciative of the testing
- Instructing people not to line up before 7:30 am as it is cold and process is running smoothly

DPW

- Status quo on staffing and services

COA

- Status Quo on staff and services
- Have a 375 meals for delivery today

Human Resources

- Status Quo on services
- The stimulus bill and provisions did contain an option to extend COVID FMLA but was sent back to Congress by President. Will continue to monitor bill