



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, January 4, 2021, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

Mayor's Office

- The state COVID numbers are increasing with 3,110 new cases reported
- There were 105 new deaths and 2,291 cases in hospitals with 416 in an ICU. The average age of hospitalization increased to 73 and average age of deaths went up one year to 81
- The seven day average positivity rate increased to 8.42% which is another moderate increase
- Our local test positivity numbers increased also with a positivity rate of 13.7% on Wednesday.
- Total Tested 328
- Positive 45 (39 Chicopee residents, 6 non-residents)
- TNP 14
- Invalid 1
- Vaccines are being provided to our Police and Fire personnel on January 11th as a target date and Nurses will be next

Health

City Case Counts

- We are averaging 30 new cases a day
- We have 894 open cases
- The deaths in the City are at 23 deaths
- 97 N/A
- 1,454 recovered
- A total of 2,468 cases to date
- We will need a full week of data to see if there was an increase due to Christmas and New Years
- Trying to ensure people know the vaccine does not provide immediate safety from the virus. You will need at least two weeks to develop anti-bodies for protection from the virus
- Also, this is a two does vaccine and need the second does plus the two weeks

Police Department

- Status Quo on services
- We are continuing to staff the test site
- A dispatcher had tested positive for the virus and we are testing all contacts with the dispatcher today at the Safety Complex
- We have one officer who is still out with complications and is in the hospital

Fire Department

- Status quo on services but with four officers in quarantine
- We are continuing to assist with the testing center on a volunteer basis

Emergency Management

- Services and staffing are continuing
- Working at the testing site opening and preparing the site for operations

Safety

- Status Quo on staffing
- The testing is steady with over 300 tests per day
- There have been some minor difficulties with reporting results as email addresses are not printed legibly on forms. We are stressing use of the typed in pre-filled forms from the website
- We will be ordering additional PPE for testing
- We will continue testing operations on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:00 am to noon until the 20,000 tests are used

DPW

- Status quo on staffing
- Main roads were salted and streets with hills were also salted. It is getting warm in the 40's but may salt again tonight

COA

- Status Quo on staff
- We are looking for Facilities to help put up the carport for meal delivery

Human Resources

- Status Quo on services

School Department

- Meal distribution has resumed at the schools
- To date we have 107 members of our school community, students and staff, tested positive. One administrator is in the hospital recovering
- Furlough notices were sent out today for staff that have no work. It is a one week notice