



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 11, 2021, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

Mayor's Office

- The state COVID numbers remain high with 5,396 new cases reported
- There were 77 new deaths and 2,225 cases in hospitals with 459 in an ICU. The average age of hospitalization remained at 73 years old
- The seven day average positivity rate is 7.21%
- Vaccines are being provided to our First Responders and Nurses today at the East Longmeadow location
- They are available at state regional vaccination sites and we have smaller groups of employees going daily to ensure coverage and protect against reactions through our entire staff

Health

City Case Counts

- We continue averaging 30 new cases a day
- We have 1069 open cases
- The deaths in the City are at 23 deaths
- 99 N/A
- 1,480 recovered
- A total of 2,671 cases to date
- We are seeing infections going through entire households and the spread is mainly through households
- One person catches the virus and the household spread increases the numbers
- All communities around us are high infection areas and we need to stop the spread

Police Department

- Status Quo on services with no new cases
- We had visited several businesses including a pharmacy and fitness center. They were warned and provided materials on the restrictions

- These businesses as well as others we are talking with indicated they would comply with restrictions and there will be follow up visits to ensure compliance
- Our officer in the hospital continues to have lung issues and we are working with him and his family
- For vaccination we have six officers today and then two a day for the next several days
- Departments are easing into vaccination so they monitor reactions and sick days

Fire Department

- Status quo on services but with six officers out
- One firefighter was admitted into the hospital and is being treated for lung difficulties
- Firefighters are vaccinating in waves to maintain a full complement

Emergency Management

- Services and staffing are status quo
- Nurses at the test site are being vaccinated
- Additional outdoor heaters were brought to the testing site
- Working with the COA on food boxes for distribution

Safety

- Status Quo on staffing
- The testing is steady and volunteers are adequate
- The line today was slow but Mondays generally are slower
- We have 185 tests today as of 9:45 am
- Our PPE at the test site is adequate and will seek more supplies

DPW

- Status quo on staffing
- One positive case but the employee was out on vacation a couple weeks for the holidays and no exposure to other employees

COA

- Status Quo on staff
- We are continuing to work with agencies and providers to obtain food boxes for distribution
- Western Mass Food Bank will be moving to Chicopee and this should help us with food insecurity

Human Resources

- Status Quo on services
- One City Hall employee tested positive and the office was disinfected and fellow employees notified

School Department

- Status Quo on staffing
- Students who are higher needs and require special services, pre-school, kindergarten and first grade will be returning if the parents want them back in person learning
- High School athletics have started with no incidents