



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, January 15, 2021, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

Mayor's Office

- The state COVID numbers remain high with 5,545 new cases reported
- There were 74 new deaths and 2,226 cases in hospitals with 454 in an ICU. The average age of hospitalization remained at 73 years old
- The seven day average positivity rate is 6.67%
- The virus continues to spread and vaccinations have not yet reduced the spread. We need testing to identify carriers and have them quarantine
- We will have a media advisory today at 2:30 pm and a Robo call out to residents to announce the move of our testing site to the upper level of the Senior Center on West Main Street

Health

City Case Counts

- We continue averaging 30 new cases daily
- We have 496 open cases
- There are 23 deaths
- 99 N/A
- 2,176 recovered
- A total of 2,794 cases to date
- We continue to advocate for a western Mass vaccine location near Springfield as we move to more populous levels in the phases
- We also are looking for as many avenues as possible for vaccinations, mass sites, CVS and Walgreens pharmacies, doctor's offices and health care centers
- Reports of the phase I vaccinations have been good and we are preparing for phase II, waiting for more information
- Chicopee is ready to partner with the state

Police Department

- Status Quo on services

- We had two officers react to the vaccines and they are good now
- Several officers who were exposed to the virus were tested and results were negative

Fire Department

- Status quo on services and four firefighters returned
- One firefighter is in the hospital but is doing better

Emergency Management

- Services and staffing are status quo
- Have relocated the test center to the Senior Center and working with the vaccination task force

Safety

- Status Quo on staffing
- Had a staff member out on quarantine and has returned to work

DPW

- Status quo on staffing
- One staff member out on quarantine will return Tuesday

COA

- Status Quo on staff
- We are ready for next week with safeguards and protocols in place

Human Resources

- Status Quo on services

School Department

- We have busses ready to roll on Tuesday
- All HEPA filters are in place throughout the schools receiving students
- We put two thermos scans in place at two schools. Students and staff will be scanned as they enter for temperatures and if high an alarm will sound and direct temperatures will be taken. If above 100.1 will be quarantined and sent home
- We only have 200 students on busses all the others are walkers and masks will be required as directed