



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 29, 2021, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

#### Mayor's Office

- The state COVID numbers are still trending downward with 4,222 new cases reported for a total of 488,861 open cases
- There were 43 new deaths and 1,878 cases in hospitals with 442 in an ICU. The average age of hospitalization decreased to 70 years old
- The seven day average positivity rate dropped to 4.44%
- The virus numbers continue trending downwards. Unfortunately the South African variant was detected in South Carolina and may be moving through the US
- Vaccine capacity is being created and as of yesterday they had 500,000 doses
- Chicopee is working to create a vaccination center at the Senior Center for Chicopee residents only. Difficulty is getting doses allocated to the site
- We will be meeting with the Health Department doctor on Wednesday to try and get our site operational. The Doctor will tour the site and preparations we have made there to administer vaccinations
- Also we are asking the state to authorize CVS, Walgreens, Stop and Shop or Big Y to be a vaccination site in Chicopee

#### Health

##### City Case Counts

- We continue to averaging below 30 new cases daily
- We have 430 open cases
- There are 23 deaths
- 106 N/A
- 2,474 recovered
- A total of 3,033 cases to date

### **Police Department**

- Status Quo on services
- We still have one officer out and recovering
- Staff is ready to help with vaccine and testing

### **Fire Department**

- Status quo on services and one firefighter is back, one will return next week and one remains out with symptoms
- No new positive cases

### **Emergency Management**

- Services and staffing are status quo
- The test site is going well and we have set up lower room at the Senior Center for vaccinations

### **Safety**

- Status Quo on staffing
- We had a positivity rate of 10.91% on Monday, 6.09% on Tuesday and 13.08 on Wednesday
- There were 165 tests on Monday, 115 on Tuesday and 130 on Wednesday with 18 positive on Monday, 7 on Tuesday and 17 on Wednesday
- These numbers include repeat test takers
- Overall we are trending downward on cases and positivity
- We are getting positive cases identified and into quarantine, away from the general population
- The Biden administration issued a notice that they are working on changes to the OSHA requirements for COVID safety. This may change the ability of essential workers to be at the workplace. Changes are anticipated on March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The City of Chicopee is above the minimum on protocols with barriers, spacing and safety requirements
- We are revising the volunteer template to include vaccination distribution if needed so we are ready
- Working with IT on the data needs for vaccination administration

### **DPW**

- Status quo on staffing
- We have one staff member return
- Trash pick-up is delayed due to vacations and not COVID issues. We will have pick-up tomorrow, Saturday and a robo call will go out to residents

### **COA**

- Status Quo on staffing and services with one employee positive

- Have over 1000 calls on vaccination registration assistance obtaining appointments for residents
- Will have a call out session on Thursday when the next round of appointment opening occurs
- We are purging the vaccination call list and are scheduling employees to call from other locations in addition to the Senior Center
- Call requests for assistance are being received by the Mayor's Office, Health Department and Senior Center with duplicate names. We are finalizing a list for the Thursday effort
- We have set up the Garden Room and Dining are downstairs to function as a vaccination site with Doctor inspection next week
- We have volunteers to work on both testing and vaccination appointments next week

#### **Human Resources**

- Status Quo on services
- Ready to write up job descriptions if temporary help is needed for our test and vaccination efforts

#### **Treasurer's Office**

- We are Status Quo on services
- Will provide volunteers for the Thursday vaccination appointment effort