



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, February 5, 2021, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

Mayor's Office

- The state COVID numbers remain lower with 2,602 new cases reported for a total of 61,864 open cases
- There were 74 new deaths and 1,554 cases in hospitals with 335 in an ICU. The average age of hospitalization decreased to 68 years old
- The seven day average positivity rate dropped to 3.29%
- The virus numbers continue trending downwards. Vaccination of individuals 75 years and older continue and we are assisting them with appointments
- There were 100,000 vaccinations over the last 7 days in MA
- Our Health Department doctor inspected our site and has agreed with all our changes
- We are working with Representative Wagner, Jose Delgado, (Governor's Western MA Spokesman), Lt. Gov. Polito and the State DPH to obtain vaccine doses for Chicopee
- MA was ranked 30th in vaccinations among US states
- Chicopee is following state protocols even though some residents claim other communities are allowing others outside the phase to be vaccinated
- The US reached over 450,000 deaths and that shows we must continue to be vigilant as the virus is not tired of us
- We must continue to wear masks, wash our hands, social distance and stay home if you don't feel well
- We will do an updated robo call on vaccinations to include the 211 number

Health

- City Case Counts
 - We have 329 open cases
 - There are 23 deaths
 - 109 N/A
 - 2,648 recovered
 - A total of 3,109 cases to date
 - We are seeing a reduction in daily cases which is about 20 per day now

- Work on the vaccine site continues

Police Department

- Status Quo on services
- We have one officer out with long-term concerns who is still recovering

Fire Department

- Status quo on services and one firefighter out on recovery which may be long-term based upon their symptoms
- Have volunteers for vaccination site as we move forward
- The state has established a 211 number to help seniors schedule appointments for vaccinations. The call would provide other language services
- When Chicopee opens a vaccination site it will be private to Chicopee residents only

Emergency Management

- Services and staffing are status quo

Safety

- Status Quo on staffing
- The state has issued information on the second dose which instructs facilities not to hold back doses for second doses. The state has indicated second doses will be aa priority
- MEMA food program request was submitted and we should have 100 boxes of food for families in quarantine or isolating. Boxes will be delivered by MEMA to the Senior Center and Center will have drivers deliver boxes to families in need
- We are eligible for 146 boxes but are starting with 100 as we can order more as program continues
- The positivity rate at our test site was 2.8% for Chicopee residents on Wednesday which reflect the lower number of cases in the city reported by the Health Department

DPW

- Status quo on staffing
- We have one worker out and recovering and another tested positive
- A small group of workers will be tested on Monday who were contact traced from the employee testing positive

COA

- Status Quo on staffing and services

- Continue to handle calls on vaccination registration assistance and the state has 8,000 open appointments available at Eastfield Mall as of today
- There are a large number of seniors who are waiting for the Senior Center to open for vaccinations. We are urging them to get appointments at Eastfield Mall and have family members help them with emails as it is important to get the initial vaccination shot
- Our newsletter will have information on the appointment options with calling the senior center and the 211 system

Human Resources

- Status Quo on services
- Will be posting the job descriptions for temporary help needed for our test and vaccination efforts
- Additional Nurses may be hired through the Health Department system for getting temporary nurses