



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 Wednesday, February 17, 2021, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

#### **Mayor's Office**

- Our test site was closed on Monday for President's Day, but we opened on Tuesday despite the weather and had 77 individuals get tested
- The state is shifting their vaccination strategy and looking to close the small clinics and open regional sites
- They are opening the vaccinations to 65 years old and older as of today
- The state is asking us to complete an listing of individuals that are homebound and unable to visit a vaccination center
- The regional sites will have up to 750 doses a day and will supplement the mega-sites like Eastfield Mall
- The regional sites can not restrict who makes an appointment
- We had completed our application and got approval from the state to operate our site at the Senior Center but were not allocated any doses. We are looking to still obtain doses and try to grow our site into a regional center
- The state COVID numbers remain low with only 967 new cases reported for a total of 42,395 open cases
- There were 49 new deaths and 1,096 cases in hospitals with 275 in an ICU. The average age of hospitalization remained at 72 years old
- The seven day average positivity rate decreased slightly to 2.22%

#### **Health**

- City Case Counts
  - We have 196 open cases
  - There are 23 deaths
  - 111 N/A
  - 2, 876 recovered
  - A total of 3,206 cases to date
  - We are seeing a reduction in daily cases and only had 8 new cases over the weekend and holiday
- The vaccine site was approved for our Health Department at the Senior Center and we have completed training on the PrepMod software
- School will open next week with the hybrid model

### **Police Department**

- Status Quo on services
- We have two officers out on extended recovery with treatments continuing
- We have four officers out recovering from the second dose of the vaccine

### **Fire Department**

- Status quo on services with one firefighter out on long-term recovery
- Have no firefighters out with reactions to the second dose of the vaccine

### **Emergency Management**

- Services and staffing continue
- Test site is running well and set to start vaccination site when doses are approved for Chicopee

### **Safety**

- Status Quo on staffing
- The test site numbers reflect a decrease in testing with only 77 yesterday. We had difficult weather so that number is actually impressive. All other testing site closed for the day
- We only had four positive yesterday and two were repeat testers so our positivity rate is declining with 3.33% of Chicopee residents tested positive
- The PPE for our vaccination site was obtained and ready

### **DPW**

- Status quo on staffing
- We have several employees returning to work and several quarantined at home due to household exposure

### **COA**

- Status Quo on staffing and services
- We have drafted a script for vaccination appointments
- The site is completed and ready for vaccinations
- We are assembling a list of seniors who are home bound and cannot go out to the vaccination sites
- Testing is going well

### **Human Resources**

- Status Quo on services