



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 24, 2021, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

Mayor's Office

- The state COVID numbers remain low with 1,114 new cases reported for a total of 33,951 open cases
- The state numbers were 30 new deaths and 879 cases in hospitals, with 225 in an ICU. The average age of hospitalization remains at 70 years old
- The seven day average positivity rate remained below 2% at 1.89%
- The state has 11 regional vaccination sites. They established a website to take applications for additional regional sites by email and plans will need to be submitted
- We have assembled our listing of homebound individuals and of housing complexes in Chicopee for mobile vaccination services

Health

- City Case Counts
 - We have 192 open cases
 - There are 23 deaths
 - 112 N/A
 - 2,948 recovered
 - A total of 3,275 cases to date
- The public schools cohort A attended school with 1,500 students attending. The students were happy to be back for in person learning. Today was a remote day for all students
- The plan for the vaccination site with flow of traffic, flow of individuals through the site, security, storage and other aspects is being developed. Chicopee's intent to operate a regional site in the vaccination gap in Chicopee, South Hadley, Granby and Holyoke was submitted to the Secretary yesterday

Police Department

- Status Quo on services
- We still have one officer out on extended recovery

Fire Department

- Status quo on services with one firefighter out on long-term recovery
- We are working on staff for the vaccination site at the K of C
- Doses will be limited at the beginning but as doses increase we should be allotted some supply. There is predicted to be adequate doses for everyone who would want one by the end of Spring

Emergency Management

- Services and staffing continue
- Test site is running and assisting with planning the vaccination site

Safety

- Status Quo on staffing
- The test site had a lower number of individuals in for testing this week
- We will cut back to Monday and Wednesday testing

DPW

- Status quo on staffing
- We continue to have one employee out of work

COA

- Status Quo on staffing and services
- We have information for homebound and housing mobile vaccination. Waiting for the meals on wheels report to add to homebound
- Lunch program remains popular and is at maximum distribution

Human Resources

- Status Quo on services
- Will post for the clerk position to help with the vaccination site and appointment process