



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 26, 2021, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

Mayor's Office

- The state COVID numbers remain low with 1,928 new cases reported for a total of 32,117 open cases
- The state numbers were 33 new deaths and 853 cases in hospitals, with 221 in an ICU. The average age of hospitalization decreased to 69 years old
- The state seven day average positivity rate remained below 2% at 1.85%
- The US reached 500,000 deaths due to COVID
- Johnson and Johnson may be approved today for emergency use which would provide a third source of vaccination doses
- The Governor reported on the vaccination process to the legislators and said it was “lumpy and bumpy” but the Senate indicated it was a failure
- The high demand outstripped the supply and the plan did not accommodate for the level of demand in the appointment system or distribution
- When supply of vaccine doses increases we are ready with our vaccination site. We completed a walkthrough at the K of C on Memorial Drive and have all items in place
- We are working on the homebound and housing complexes with possible van delivery of doses and mass vaccination of residents and homebound by Health Department and our personnel

Health

- City Case Counts
 - We have 205 open cases
 - There are 23 deaths
 - 112 N/A
 - 2,948 recovered
 - A total of 3,288 cases to date
- We were unable to make any vaccine appointments yesterday for our seniors through the Senior Center, Library, and Mayor's Office. All appointments were gone as we waited in the queue for appointments

- The state has indicated they will modify the appointment system as it is not working for individuals to get appointments

Police Department

- Status Quo on services
- We still have one officer out on extended recovery with all others healthy and working
- About 70% of our officers have had their second dose and about 30% of officers have opted not to be vaccinated
- Materials on the benefit of vaccination are being provided to officers

Fire Department

- Status quo on services with one firefighter out on long-term recovery
- We also have about 70% of firefighters vaccinated and 30% are opting not to be vaccinated
- Like the Police materials are being provided on the benefits of vaccination
- Some firefighters have not responded on whether they have been vaccinated
- Working on the vaccination site at the K of C to submit plan details to state

Emergency Management

- Services and staffing continue
- Test site is running and will transition to Monday and Wednesdays next week

Safety

- Status Quo on staffing
- Ready for vaccination site to start with adequate staffing and flow of operations in place

DPW

- Status quo on staffing
- We two employees out and will have one employee out of work and one will be back next week

COA

- Status Quo on staffing and services
- We have information for homebound and housing mobile vaccination. Will begin calling out to housing complexes to determine if they want group vaccination sessions when available
- Lunch program continues

Human Resources

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