



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

Mayor's Office

- The state COVID numbers remain low with 1,410 new cases reported for a total of 27,763 open cases
- The state numbers were 42 new deaths and 741 cases in hospitals, with 168 in an ICU. The average age of hospitalization remained at 69 years old
- The state seven day average positivity rate remained below 2% at 1.75%
- Chicopee is still in the “Red” category which does not correspond with our numbers. We need to check the locations of individuals as some attributed to Chicopee are other municipalities. There is a difference of 1,000 cases and some are names four times on the listing due to middle initial use in one entry or misspelled names
- A CVS in Chicopee has started to administer vaccinations so we have one location in the city now
- Holyoke Health was going to provide our Senior Center at River Mills with doses, but with the announcement of teachers being vaccinated they have told us they now will not provide doses
- The municipal offices assisted seniors to book appointments at the Eastfield Mall with us securing only 12 appointments before all the slots closed. We still have 2,000 seniors on our list waiting for an appointment. From the news reports we were lucky to get 12 appointments as only 12,000 were available in the state, withholding a large number of doses for second shots

Health

- City Case Counts
 - We have 187 open cases
 - There are 25 deaths
 - 113 N/A
 - 3,045 recovered
 - A total of 3,368 cases to date
- We are on a conference call with Jana Ferguson at 3:00 pm today to discuss the application for a regional site

Police Department

- Status Quo on services
- We still have one officer out on long-term recovery
- An officer is in quarantine and will return next week

Fire Department

- Status quo on services with one firefighter out on long-term recovery

Emergency Management

- Services and staffing continue
- At the river recovery site again today assisting with the search with the weather this may be the last day for a while
- The K of C on Granby Road and the Polish National Credit Union branch on Exchange Street is available as a vaccination site if needed

Safety

- Status Quo on staffing
- There were 115 tests administered on Monday and administered 112 tests on Wednesday
- We have extended our testing contract to from June through the end of the year
- We will use testing in a way to benefit the community with housing complex testing and school testing if needed. The schools use pool testing and if one returns positive we must have each person in the group tested so we will use our testing system
- We can also use our testing for sports teams and for campers for the summer parks program

DPW

- Status quo on staffing
- We have one employee out who will return on Monday

COA

- Status Quo on staffing and services
- We are ready for vaccinations and continue with the food program

Human Resources

- Status Quo on services

Treasurer

- We will be submitting another group of reimbursement requests to FEMA