



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 19, 2021, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

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

- The state COVID numbers again were slightly increasing with 1,857 new cases reported for a total of 25,630 open cases
- The state numbers were 27 new deaths and 592 cases in hospitals, with 164 in an ICU. The average age of hospitalization decreased to 61 years old
- The state seven day average positivity rate remained below 2% at 1.93%
- Testing is still active with 106,850 molecular tests reported bringing cumulative tests to 17,714,455 tests
- Pre-registration of vaccine appointments are being done by the COA, Treasurers Office, Library staff and Mayor's Office, but we are asked if residents would go to Gillette Stadium or eastern Mass locations. Our seniors cannot drive all that way
- Stop & Shop on Memorial Drive is now distributing vaccinations
- We have not heard about approval of our vaccination location and have been told no doses are available for Chicopee from the state
- We have talked with Pro-Park and they are willing to drive seniors out to the eastern part of the state for vaccination appointments. This is very inefficient but we are exploring this alternative

#### **Health**

- City Case Counts
  - There are 121 open cases
  - There are 26 deaths
  - 115 N/A
  - 3,235 recovered
  - A total of 3,497 cases to date
- We are still red on the state risk chart
- Our positivity rate is 4.7% but we continue to slowly decline

### **Police Department**

- Status Quo on services
- We still have one officer out on long-term recovery
- Checks of business locations shows compliance with our requirements

### **Fire Department**

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

### **Emergency Management**

- Services and staffing continue
- Work on the test site continues with no issues

### **Safety**

- Status Quo on staffing
- There were 51 tests administered Wednesday and 4 were positive giving us an 8.0% positivity rate for that test day
- We continue to remind employees of safety protocols and masks

### **DPW**

- Status quo on staffing

### **COA**

- Status Quo on staffing and services
- We are assisting seniors with appointments at CVS, Walgreens and Stop & Shop, but are having difficulty getting them appointments at these locations
- Our meal program continues to see high demand for food

### **Human Resources**

- Status Quo on services