



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 Monday, March 22, 2021, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

Mayor's Office

- We are frustrated with the vaccine rollout as evidenced in the Republican News Paper front page article today. Our frustrations are similar to those reported
- The state is adding DPW employees and other essential workers and our seniors are feeling left behind
- There is a mad dash and release seems chaotic as reported in the Republican story
- We had sent out a request to the Governor's Office today noting Chicopee is still in the Red and our numbers are below average in most age categories for vaccinations when compared to surrounding cities and towns
- In discussions with seniors many are frustrated and upset that we are not providing vaccinations in Chicopee and they must go to Eastfield Mall
- The state COVID numbers again were slightly increasing with 1,678 new cases reported for a total of 27,113 open cases
- The state numbers were 33 new deaths and 580 cases in hospitals, with 144 in an ICU. The average age of hospitalization remained at 61 years old
- The state seven day average positivity rate remained below 2% with a slight increase to 1.95%
- Testing is still active with 76,826 molecular tests reported bringing cumulative tests to 18,008,712 tests
- The regional test site we established would help Holyoke as well as Chicopee and surrounding communities
- The two CVS Pharmacies and the Stop & Shop on Memorial Drive are distributing low amounts of the vaccinations
- We are worried about the Spring Break activities in Florida causing spread of the virus to our area

Health

- City Case Counts
 - There are 138 open cases
 - There are 26 deaths
 - 115 N/A
 - 3,235 recovered
 - A total of 3,514 cases to date

- We are red on the state risk chart and will probably stay red this week. We had seven new cases over the weekend. These are from a small day care and all of the children tested positive
- The children at the day care have brought the virus home and infected siblings which we are monitoring so our schools do not have an outbreak
- Some of the parents have tested positive and it was disclosed that this is the B-117, (UK Variant) which is highly contagious
- We are tracking the parents and contact tracing the individuals

Police Department

- Status Quo on services
- We still have one officer out on long-term recovery
- We have received a complaint that Rivers Park is frequented by individuals not wearing masks and are patrolling this area

Fire Department

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

Emergency Management

- Services and staffing continue

Safety

- Status Quo on staffing
- There were 33 tests administered today and more are expected. Testing will be important if the UK variant is in our city
- We are helping gather the information required by the state for our homebound individuals
- Even if you are vaccinated you can carry the virus and infect others. We are asking everyone to continue to wear a mask, social distance and wash your hands

DPW

- Status quo on staffing

COA

- Status Quo on staffing and services
- We are continuing to help seniors with appointments and were on at 7:00 am this morning but have had no luck with booking a single appointment
- We continue working on homebound individuals gathering information and data
- Senior housing is working on facility appointments with the Housing Authority and groups

Human Resources

- Status Quo on services

Treasurer

- Will work with vaccine task force on options and possibilities for funding services