



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

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

- The press conference got our message out about the B.1.1.7 variant in Chicopee. This strain is very contagious and sever. The Republican has released a story on the frustrations we are experiencing with vaccinations
- We continue to work with our homebound population getting them on the homebound list for state inoculation
- The state COVID numbers again were increasing with 2,274 new cases reported for a total of 28,078 open cases
- The state numbers were 39 new deaths and 6331 cases in hospitals, with 137 in an ICU. The average age of hospitalization increased to 63 years old
- The state seven day average positivity rate climbed above 2% with an increase to 2.22%
- Testing is active with 111,753 molecular tests reported bringing cumulative tests to 18,312,783 tests
- Unfortunately more communities have joined us on the Red list and it appears the virus is starting another wave

#### **Health**

- We have seen our city numbers trend in the wrong direction and we are Red and appear to continue to be red based upon the infection rate. We are asking everyone to wear masks, wash hands, socially distance and remain vigilant
- City Case Counts
  - There are 152 open cases
  - There are 26 deaths
  - 115 N/A
  - 3,308 recovered
  - A total of 3,601 cases to date

#### **Police Department**

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

#### **Fire Department**

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

- Two officers have returned

#### **Emergency Management**

- Services and staffing continue

#### **Safety**

- Status Quo on staffing
- There were 50 tests administered Monday and 83 on Wednesday
- We had six positive on Monday and 3 on Wednesday
- The positivity rate was 12.24% on Monday and 3.66% on Wednesday with the Chicopee resident only rates of 9.30% on Monday and 2.82% on Wednesday
- We will continue to run the test site two days a week, Mondays and Wednesdays
- The Schools will be using pool testing and will participate with the DESE protocols. Our testing will be made available to the schools as needed and also to the sports teams
- The variant is more contagious so the testing will continue to help with detection and confirmation efforts

#### **DPW**

- Status quo on staffing
- One employee has tested positive and is still in quarantine

#### **COA**

- Status Quo on staffing and services
- We are continuing to help seniors with obtaining appointments and reaching out to help seniors
- We are calling out to homebound for information and working with the state on vaccinations

#### **Human Resources**

- Status Quo on services