

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

Mayor's Office

- There are reports that the P 1. Variant is spreading on Cape Cod and MA now leads the nation in the spread of this "Brazilian variant" which is anti-body resistant
- The virus is impacting younger age groups in the state with 7,000 new cases in the 0-19 age group
- Vaccinations are increasing in the state with 1.478 million fully vaccinated and 3.9 million doses administered
- The terms of the agreement with the Castle of Knights Home Association are close to finalized and should be in place this week
- Two new Walgreen sites have opened in Chicopee for vaccinations which will help us get shots in arms
- The state COVID numbers remain high with 2,263 new cases reported for Saturday with a total of 34,157 open cases
- The state numbers were 30 new deaths and 707 cases in hospitals, with 164 in an ICU. The average age of hospitalization remained at 64 years old
- The state seven day average positivity rate remained above 2% with an increase to 2.44%
- Testing is active with 116,516 molecular tests reported bringing cumulative tests to 19,138,478 tests
- The numbers continue to stay high and the variant are more contagious

Health

- We continue to have our city numbers high with 40 new cases reported for Friday and Saturday. We continue to average 20 cases a day
- We are see the largest increase in young adults and younger children
- City Case Counts
 - O There are 301 open cases
 - O There are 26 deaths
 - o 116 N/A
 - o 3,359 recovered
 - O A total of 3,802 cases to date
- Work on the vaccination site is nearly completed

Police Department

- Status quo on services
- Our one officer out on long-term recovery returned to light duty today
- One officer, who did not get vaccinated, is out with COVID

Fire Department

- Status quo on services
- We have one new case with a firefighter out

Emergency Management

- Services and staffing continue
- Working at test site

Safety

- Status Quo on staffing
- There were 50 tests administered so far today which is showing continued demand for tests
- The order for PPE, mainly gloves and masks, for the vaccination site is being processed

DPW

• Status quo on staffing

COA

- Status Quo on staffing and services
- Food delivery and meals programs remain popular with continued use

Human Resources

- Status Quo on services
- We are working with the Legal Department analyzing the Leave Act and its impact on municipal services

Treasurer

Status quo on services