



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 Wednesday, April 7, 2021, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

Mayor's Office

- The state has reported that 4.8 million doses have been shipped to Massachusetts, 2.5 million people have received their 1st dose, 1.4 million have received their 2nd dose and 100,000 have received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. That puts the state at 1.53 million fully vaccinated and we need 4 million to achieve “herd” immunity
- The numbers on vaccination by community were discussed and Chicopee along with Springfield and Holyoke are far behind the suburban communities in terms of percent of population vaccinated by age group. We are behind in all age group categories
- Chicopee has never been out of the “Red’ category for months while other communities had been reduced to a lower “Yellow” risk category for COVID infection. Chicopee has been hit hard by the virus
- Chicopee also has a significant Hispanic population which is reticent about getting the vaccination
- The state had designated 20 communities as impacted by the virus and entitled to receive “equity” doses of the vaccine. Chicopee was not included with these twenty communities which did include the other two Gateway communities in Western Mass, Springfield and Holyoke
- We are considering asking the Massachusetts Department of Health to reconsider Chicopee as a community which has been impacted by the virus and provide Chicopee equity doses
- Holyoke had opened an Equity dose clinic in the Holyoke Senior Center for one day a week administering 400 J&J doses. We would be able to do the same if Chicopee was designated an impacted community
- We continue to receive calls from our Seniors and members of the community asking for help in getting vaccination appointments. They are frustrated with the 211 system and are not getting doses while more, lower age groups are added to the distribution
- The state COVID numbers remain high with 1,566 new cases reported, with a total of 34,652 open cases
- The state numbers were 12 new deaths and 725 cases in hospitals, with 169 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 2.50%
- Testing is active with 61,251 molecular tests reported bringing cumulative tests to 19,313,316 tests

- The numbers continue to stay high and the variant are more contagious
- The number of deaths are decreasing so while there are increasing infections, thankfully the death rate is decreasing

Health

- We continue to have our city numbers high with about 20 new cases a day
- We are see the largest increase continues to be in younger children
- City Case Counts
 - There are 270 open cases
 - There are 26 deaths
 - 115 N/A
 - 3,449 recovered
 - A total of 3,861 cases to date

Police Department

- Status quo on services
- Our one officer, who did not get vaccinated, is out with COVID for his fifth day of quarantine

Fire Department

- Status quo on services
- We have one case of a firefighter out on quarantine recovering

Emergency Management

- Services and staffing continue
- Working at test site today and implementation of the vaccination site

Safety

- Status Quo on staffing
- There were 89 tests administered on Monday with 12 positive for a rate of 13.48% and none of the positives were repeat tests
- We have 40 tests administered so far today which is showing continued demand for tests

DPW

- Status quo on staffing

COA

- Status Quo on staffing and services

Human Resources

- Status Quo on services
- We are working on the pool of candidates for the vaccination site

Treasurer

- Status quo on services