



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, April 9, 2021, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

#### Mayor's Office

- The vaccination impact is evident in statistics from the CDC. There has been a decrease since the start of 2021 of 75% in individuals over 65 years of age being infected by COVID
- New cases are down by 50% for older age groups which reflects that vaccinations are working
- We are ready to roll out the regional vaccination program at the Castle of Knights and the Big E has indicated they are going to receive doses and will be taking appointments at their regional site. Chicopee is still awaiting an allotment of doses
- We sent a letter to Secretary Sudders indicating Chicopee is an underserved community and should be included with the equity dose program that is available in Holyoke and Springfield
- We continue to receive calls from our Seniors and members of the community asking for help in getting vaccination appointments
- The state COVID numbers remain high with 1,938 new cases reported, with a total of 35,149 open cases
- The state numbers were 8 new deaths which is the first time we have been below 10 in some time and is encouraging that while the number of cases has increased the number of deaths continues to decrease
- The state had 735 cases in hospitals, with 176 in an ICU. The average age of hospitalization decreased to 61 years old which shows that younger individuals are now being infected and the infections are sever
- The state seven day average positivity rate remained above 2% with an increase to 2.29%
- Testing is active with 112,416 molecular tests reported which is almost twice the number of test reported on Wednesday and brings the cumulative tests to 19,543,855 tests
- The numbers continue to stay high but the number of deaths are decreasing

#### Health

- The Health Department will be on a ZOOM call with Springfield and Holyoke discussing the lack of equity in distribution of doses and the disparity in communities regarding vaccinations and support

- We continue to have our city numbers high with around 20 new cases a day
- City Case Counts
  - There are 329 open cases
  - There are 26 deaths
  - 117 N/A
  - 3,449 recovered
  - A total of 3,921 cases to date
- We received a notice today that our Public Health Nurse is leaving at the end of the month. We are looking for a replacement

#### **Police Department**

- Status quo on services and staffing

#### **Fire Department**

- Status quo on services

#### **Emergency Management**

- Status quo on services and staffing
- Working on coordination of the vaccination and test site for PPE and materials

#### **Safety**

- Status Quo on staffing
- There were 70 tests administered on Wednesday with 6 positive for a rate of 8.57% and one of the positives was a repeat test
- There was an exposure at COMP and we will be testing 35 individuals on Saturday at the test center to determine if they can return to school on Monday

#### **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
- The state leave act is still under review with Legal

## Treasurer

- Status quo on services