



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

Mayor's Office

- We opened and have started vaccinating individuals at our COA vaccine site at River Mills
- Comments are it is a professional and efficient site
- The Regional site is opening on Wednesday provided we obtain doses on Tuesday
- Chicopee is still “Red” and Springfield, Southwick and Holyoke are also Red although the number of Red municipalities has decreased
- The state COVID numbers are moderating with 1,085 new cases reported, with a total of 29,563 open cases
- The state numbers were 6 new deaths which shows vaccinations are working
- The state had 641 cases in hospitals, with 152 in an ICU. The average age of hospitalization remained at 61 years old
- The state seven day average positivity rate fell below 2% with a rate of 1.74% which is a decrease
- Testing is active with 74,524 molecular tests reported and brings the cumulative tests to 20,974,673 tests

Health

- We still have our city numbers high continuing with over 20 new cases a day
- City Case Counts
 - There are 305 open cases
 - There are 26 deaths
 - 118 N/A
 - 3,778 recovered
 - A total of 4,227 cases to date
- We continue to see high numbers of infections
- We are continuing to run our testing site

Police Department

- Status quo on services and staffing

- Officers are ready and our electronic message boards are ready at the vaccination sites

Fire Department

- Status quo on services with one firefighter in quarantine
- Doses for the regional site are scheduled to arrive today
- The Regional site should be on the state website for appointments once we receive the doses
- We will have the capacity to administer 400 shots a day at the Castle of Knights
- We will be open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm for vaccinations

Emergency Management

- Status quo on services and staffing
- We have put up signage at the COA for both the vaccination site and the food pick-up

Safety

- Status Quo on staffing
- We had 52 tests on Wednesday and are at 39 so far today
- None of the 52 were repeat testers, and all were new cases
- Getting needle bins for vaccination sites and PPE for all sites

DPW

- Status quo on staffing

COA

- Status Quo on staffing and services
- Appointments continue to come into the COA vaccination site by calling our number, 534-3698
- Running well operationally and getting complements on the site from Seniors

Human Resources

- Status Quo on services
- Getting time off requests for individuals getting COVID and handling them in a case /fact specific basis

Treasurer

- Status quo on services

School Department

- Our two middle schools went back to full five day in person learning last Wednesday and all went well
- This added another 250 students to full time in person learning
- We now have 13 schools with full week in person learning
- Only the two high school are left with partial remote learning and we expect the Commissioner to announce full in person for the high schools soon
- There are 124 staff members out due to ADA and staffing issues
- Our absenteeism is high compared to prior years with 184 members out per day
- All students are doing well and programs are continuing