



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 28, 2021, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

Mayor's Office

- We have been announced by the state DPH and have just been listed on the state site for individuals to book appointments at the Castle of Knights
- The Governor announced easing restrictions as follows:
 - April 30th face coverings relaxed for outdoor settings
 - May 10th
 - Large venues, sports stadiums, ballparks, increase capacity to 25%
 - Amusement parks, theme parks water parks open at 50% capacity
 - Road races, sports tournaments, athletic events may resume with local Health Dept. approval
 - Youth sports may be allowed for moderate and high risk sports
 - Singing indoors with distancing in restaurants events and businesses
 - May 25th
 - Gatherings increase to 200 indoors and 250 outdoors in public and private settings
 - Street festivals, parades, street festivals with safety plans in place allowed
 - Bars, Beer gardens, breweries, wineries subject to restaurant rules for seated service and 90 minutes
 - Restaurant guidance eliminate food service requirement and increase table size to 10
 - August 1st
 - Dance clubs and nightclubs may open
 - Saunas, hot tubs, steam fitness rooms, health clubs open
 - Indoor water parks open
 - Ball pits may re-open
 - All industry restrictions eliminated and gathering limits eliminated
 - Guidance on indoor masks reviewed

- The state COVID numbers are getting better with 825 new cases which is below 1,000 for the first time in months
- There were a total of 28,043 open cases which is down slightly
- The state numbers were 4 new deaths
- The state had 628 cases in hospitals, with 158 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 1.71% which is still slightly falling
- Testing is slowing but active with 51,383 molecular tests reported and brings the cumulative tests to 21,068,225 tests

Health

- We are showing a decrease in new cases in our city numbers with under 20 new cases today
- City Case Counts
 - There are 326 open cases
 - There are 26 deaths
 - 120 N/A
 - 3,778 recovered
 - A total of 4,250 cases to date
- We are seeing a slight drop in the number of infections
- We are continuing to run our testing site

Police Department

- Status quo on services and staffing
- The opening of the Castle was delayed until Thursday but hours will be 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on Thursday and Friday this week and Tuesday and Wednesday of next week
- Officers are assigned and our electronic message boards have messages for testing and vaccinations

Fire Department

- Status quo on services with one firefighter in quarantine
- There is a downward trend for vaccinations so we will message the sites and convenience
- Doses for the regional site did not arrive until yesterday so we are behind and could not open today
- We have 64 signed up for tomorrow and 14 for Friday so we need more appointments
- Chicopee is still Red so we need to get vaccine numbers up here

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 so there is some confusion

Safety

- Status Quo on staffing
- We had 60 tests on Monday with 3 positives for a 5% positivity rate and are at 20 so far today
- We are getting final items over to the Castle of Knights to open

DPW

- Status quo on staffing

COA

- Status Quo on staffing and services
- Appointments continue to come into the COA vaccination site and things are running well

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
- Some leeway was given by FEMA on reimbursements and we are reviewing items for submission