



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

#### **Mayor's Office**

- The state reported that the cities lag the small towns and communities in vaccinations
- As a result of this data the state is moving to small regional and municipal clinic distribution of vaccinations
- The state goal is to have 4.1 million people vaccinated by the end of June and we are at 2.6 million now
- The state is indicating there is no excuse not to be vaccinated as there will be doses in pharmacies and small clinics with a walk in distribution program in place
- The city is working with Holyoke Health Center to have a mobile vaccination van visit housing projects and housing communities in the city. They will be at Chicopee Town Homes and Chicopee Village Housing and are leafleting and communicating the van now
- We had gone through or list of Seniors and employees at the Council on Aging River Mills site
- The River Mills site has closed and we are directing individuals to the Castle site now
- The Castle site is allowing walk-ins from 10:00 am until 1:15 pm. This is to allow for doses at the end of the day so we do not over draw shots and waste them
- We are working on opening buildings and events in the city based upon state guidelines and CDC requirements
- The state COVID numbers are showing a continuing decrease with 718 new cases, again below 1,000
- There were a total of 22,248 open cases which is down by about 2,000 cases
- The state numbers were 5 new deaths
- The state had 516 cases in hospitals, with 136 in an ICU. The average age of hospitalization remained at 61 years old
- The state seven day average positivity is also decreasing a rate of 1.60%
- Testing is slowing but active with 36,039 molecular tests reported and brings the cumulative tests to 21,571,842 tests

#### **Health**

- We are starting to see a decrease in the number of cases in Chicopee with less than 20 a day

- City Case Counts
  - There are 215 open cases
  - There are 26 deaths
  - 120 N/A
  - 3,961 recovered
  - A total of 4,322 cases to date
- We are continuing to run our testing site

#### **Police Department**

- Status quo on services and staffing

#### **Fire Department**

- Status quo on services with one firefighter in quarantine
- We administered 363 vaccinations last week and 215 yesterday. So far we have 180 individuals signed up for appointments today
- Vaccine demand is down and the supply is exceeding demand across the state
- We will run next week on Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
- The driver for our days is the availability of HCC nurses and students
- With trials concluded for 12 to 15 year olds we may see approval for them to be vaccinated which will increase demand
- Also, colleges are requiring students to be vaccinated to return to school which may increase demand
- We have checked with West Springfield and they are averaging 250 shots a day
- We are expecting Senator Lesser to visit the site today and post the visit which may help with awareness
- The mobile van will be in Chicopee on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> which will help with a difficult to reach population
- We prefer pre-registration but will accommodate walk-ins before 1:15 pm
- The Reminder Newspaper will run a story about the site which may also help with awareness

#### **Emergency Management**

- Status quo on services and staffing
- The radio and WAQY mention of the site is helping with walk in traffic at the site

#### **Safety**

- Status Quo on staffing
- We had 37 tests on Monday with no positive results giving us zero positivity for Monday
- We have had 28 tests administered so far today

## **DPW**

- Status quo on staffing
- Our employee returned to work today

## **COA**

- Status Quo on staffing and services

## **Human Resources**

- Status Quo on services

## **Treasurer**

- Status Quo