

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 12, 2021, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

Mayor's Office

- The group needs to develop a plan for re-opening. We have been slowly bringing back services and opening, but it would be best to have a plan as more people are pushing for re-opening. Library has allowed browsing of books on shelves and use of equipment. They are not comfortable with community room yet and will start with outdoor activities and then slowly re-open the remaining items
- A discussion on re-opening has started
- The state COVID numbers are showing a continuing low level of infection with 472 new cases
- There were a total of 17,519 open cases which is down by about 1,000 new cases since Monday
- The state numbers were no new deaths which we have not seen in a year
- The state had 441 cases in hospitals, with 117 in an ICU. The average age of hospitalization remained at 60 years old
- The state seven day average positivity is also decreasing a rate of 1.32%
- Testing is slowing but active with 41,692 molecular tests reported and brings the cumulative tests to 22,040,242 tests
- The National Night Out committee is meeting to get this event started for August
- Chicopee is Red and may remain Red based upon the state calculation. Holyoke is just below 50,000 residents so their positivity rate is targeted at above 5.00% while Chicopee is slightly over 50,000 and must reach a positivity rate below 4.00%. Ludlow is similar with a target positivity rate of 5.00% and an actual rate of 4.50%. If Ludlow had a population of just over 50,000 they would be Red, but the lower population allows them to have a target rate of 5.00%

Health

- City Case Counts
 - O There are 100 open cases
 - O There are 26 deaths
 - o 120 N/A

- o 4,141 recovered
- O A total of 4,387 cases to date
- We are continuing to run our testing site and vaccination site with a decreased demand for these services
- The vaccination clinic will probably not be open next week and will re-open for May 27th

Police Department

• Status quo on services and staffing

Fire Department

• Status quo on services with one firefighter in quarantine

Emergency Management

• Status quo on services and staffing

Safety

- Status Quo on staffing
- We had only 14 tests on Monday with one positive and have had 12 so far today

DPW

• Status quo on staffing

COA

- Status Quo on staffing and services
- Food distribution is continuing

Human Resources

• Status Quo on services

Treasurer

Status Quo