



Mayor Vieau - COVID-19 Situational Update

We are in this together!

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 29, 2020, the following City of Chicopee Departments has reported:

Mayor's Office

- The Governor has extended the stay at home guidance to May 18th
 - The City of Chicopee will follow this order
- An advisory team has been established on how to re-open the state and businesses
 - A panel of 17 individuals including two from western mass;
 - the President (a doctor) of Bay State Health Systems;
 - The Mayor of Easthampton.
- MA is watching the 10 states that have already re-opened to see if there is an increase in cases
- We will make an announcement on moving to May 18th
 - looking at the cost of carrying an employee who is not working due to the coronavirus

Health Department

- We have 121 open cases and 104 people who have recovered there are 11 hospitalized
- We are averaging 10 new cases a day, but they are mostly females and a good portion are health care workers. Ages range from the 2 year old child to a retiree at 100 years old
- Businesses are calling on the mask order and are positive in helping employees and customers
- JPolep has donated 750 masks to the city and we are appreciative of their contribution
 - 200 of the masks were provided to the Senior Center,
 - 50 to the Health Department
 - 50 to City Hall
- Masks are being provided to the City Clerk for the May 19th Special Election for use by election workers in the polling

Police Department

- One officer who was exposed is awaiting test results.
 - All other officers are healthy and holding steady on services and calls
- The task force is out visiting businesses and establishments
 - A couple of the larger grocery stores are hiring details to man the doors and help with the masks for customers
 - We are getting questions about allowing the purchase of greeting cards as Mother's Day is approaching

Fire Department

- The Fire Department is fully staffed and providing services
- Grant received for over \$61,000 for COVID expenses and Ambulance expenses
- Shipment of PPE received from MEMA and was divided with the Police Department so supply of PPE is alright

Emergency Management

- Brought masks in question to MEMA
 - Confirmed that they were not the ones being questioned
- MEMA gave us another 1000 KN95 masks
- EM is continuing assistance with meal delivery at RMSC

COA

- Meal delivery is at 330 on Friday
 - Will lose the cadets next week
 - Need help with meal delivery next week
 - Will work with Police and other city departments to for assistance

DPW

- Department is steady with staffing and maintaining services
 - Receiving some questions on what will happen with Governor extending stay at home guidance

Veterans Services

- Moving forward with programs and services
- Delivered 15 food packages and providing 10 USO food packages this week
- Working with Senior Center and Veterans who qualify are getting food distributions from Veterans instead of COA

Chicopee Electric Light

- Employees are all healthy and safe

- Due to State Directives
 - Offices are still closed to the public
 - Installation of fiber internet to houses has been postponed until the stay at home guidance is lifted
 - Collections of ALL overdue bills has been put on hold
 - Permits to pull meters has been postponed and waiting on issuing new activities
 - The operations and engineering areas have been separated as well as operations and administration
 - Any employee who can work from home has been assigned to do so
- All buildings are being disinfected at night
- CELD is working with neighboring utilities to assist and provide staff if need to assist
- There is a need for additional face masks and linemen must use FR rated masks.
 - These are becoming difficult to obtain
 - Also need 50 masks for underground work - can use surgical masks
 - A portion of the JPolep donation will be provided to the CELD

Treasurer

- The financial team is working hard on funding and resources for the city
- Asking everyone to be patient with each other and as we are tested to try to control emotions and tension.
 - Step away if you must and thank you to everyone for doing a good job in Chicopee

Parks

- No decision has been made on the summer recreational activities and continuing to work on offerings
- The parks are busy and people are social distancing