



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, September 16, 2020, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

Mayor's Office

- Schools opened with our CTE, Special Ed and ELL students returning to in person learning and the other 90% remote. Some issues were corrected and we are glad the students who need to be in person started
- The state COVID numbers are 286 new cases, 6 new deaths, and 3.1 million tests
- A 15 minute test costing \$5 will be distributed to states for use
- Our vaccine task force met yesterday to update our distribution plan. It is believed if asked we will be given a priority demographic and protocol
- We may need refrigeration or freezers to hold vaccine prior to distribution

Health

- We have 23 active cases with neo case reported yesterday but it was in a household already containing an active case
- We are at 17 deaths and have 531 recovered cases and 64 N/A
- We believe vaccine distribution will be drive through style and similar to testing the state will determine priorities and practices

Police Department

- Status quo on services and staffing
- Our seven police recruits have started the academy which is open now for training

Fire Department

- Status quo on services and staffing

Emergency Management

- Services and staffing continuing

Safety

- Status Quo on services and staffing
- We are reviewing a demonstration on better communication plans and practices

COA

- Status Quo on services and staffing
- Need more masks for staff and meal distribution
- An intern from Elms College has started and will relieve some of the staffing pressures

DPW

- Status quo on staffing and services