



## 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, July 22, 2020, the following City of Chicopee Departments has reported:

### Mayor's Office

- MA reported the State's progress in reducing infections;
  - 165 new cases were reported
  - There were 17 deaths reported
  - Massachusetts has over 105,900 cases
  - There are 3.8 million cases in the US and 140,000 deaths
  - The US had a record number of new cases on July 17<sup>th</sup> with 74,000 new cases in one day
- Massachusetts is showing stable numbers
- The state has indicated the reopening of schools will be a difficult issue
- Chicopee is postponing National Night Out until the national suggested day of October 6<sup>th</sup>. We will probably have ours on October 5<sup>th</sup>, a Monday because we hold City Council meetings on Tuesday

### Health

- Chicopee has 56 open cases
  - Seven new cases were reported today, (two from a household and two from another household), one case yesterday
  - We have 401 recovered cases and 46 N/A
  - Still at 10 deaths
  - One case is a one year old child
- The cases are from workplace outbreaks and brought home to one's family as workers gather at work for lunch and breaks and sometimes gather after work
- The virus tends to linger in buildings and proper ventilation is important in buildings to keep air flowing and have air exchange

- We have sent out over 35 notices to local businesses for not enforcing the face covering requirements. We are getting complaints forwarded from the state call in number

#### **Police Department**

- Status quo on services and staffing.

#### **Fire Department**

- Status quo with staffing and supplies

#### **Emergency Management**

- Services continue and status is good
- May need to resupply PPE for potential fall outbreak
- In western MA the infection doubling rate has increased from 3 to 4 days to currently 84 days. This is a welcomed statistic
- Hampden County is getting 20 to 30 cases a day which is down and there is only a 1% infection rate

#### **Safety**

- Status Quo on services and staffing
- The PPE from MEMA has been stored. Working with MEMA on the grant portal and access
- Working on obtaining more hand sanitizer
- Meeting with the Library today to set up safety procedures and ensure face coverings, Plexiglas and signage are in place. Working towards a potential opening for patrons in early August

#### **COA**

- Status Quo on services and staffing.
- Outdoor exercise equipment is in place and signs are posted

#### **DPW**

- Status quo on staffing and services