



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 Friday, December 18, 2020, the following City of Chicopee Departments has reported:

Mayor's Office

- The state COVID numbers are 4,985 new cases reported
- There were 44 new deaths and 1,871 cases in hospitals with 383 in an ICU. The average age of hospitalization dropped to 67 and average age of deaths dropped to 81
- The seven day average positivity rate increased to 6.02% which is climbing
- The rates show better treatment with large number of cases but the death rate staying lower
- We are opening our test program next week
- Chicopee residents only
- We will issue a press release, robo call and web posting
- Today Amherst announced testing for one day
- DPW cleanup of snow yesterday was appreciated by residents
- If an employee feels sick they are being reminded to stay home, social distance at work and wear masks
- The Moderna vaccine was approved for emergency use
- Testing and vigilance is needed until we have wide distribution of the vaccine to the general public

Health

City Case Counts

- We have 866 open cases as of this morning
 - The deaths in the City are at 22 deaths
 - 90 N/A
 - 1108 recovered
 - A total of 2,086 cases to date
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- We continue to watch the two clusters at congregate care facilities
 - One Health Department employee remains in quarantine
 - We are experiencing about 30 new cases a day

Police Department

- Status Quo on services
- One officer remains out

Fire Department

- Status quo on services
- Two Firefighter on quarantine

Emergency Management

- Services and staffing are continuing
- Working on logistics for the COVID testing and preparing site at Chicopee COMP

Safety

- Status Quo on services and staffing
- The additional shipment of gloves and PPE for testing is in place at COMP
- The test kits are in place at COMP
- We have nine volunteers signed up and working with others who are interested
- Fire and Nurses are being confirmed

DPW

- Status quo on staffing and services

COA

- Status Quo on staff and servicing

Human Resources

- Status Quo on services and employees
- The COVID FMLA benefits have not been extended by the federal government and are in the discussions for the stimulus bill and provisions before Congress