



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 Monday, December 28, 2020, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

#### Mayor's Office

- The state COVID numbers are 2, 973 new cases reported
- There were 100 new deaths and 2,156 cases in hospitals with 416 in an ICU. The average age of hospitalization increased to 69 and average age of deaths decreased to 80
- The seven day average positivity rate increased to 6.28% which is a moderate increase
- We received warnings from the Department of Justice, Home Land Security and Medicare Offices to warn residents of scams involving vaccinations. Scammers are asking resident to pre-purchase vaccinations and get them faster by paying. These are con-artists or scammers and residents should not provide funds or information to anyone selling vaccinations
- December has been the deadliest month in the pandemic in the US with over 63,000 deaths
- The Governor's new guidelines have been imposed December 26<sup>th</sup>
  - Indoor gatherings are limited to 10 people both public and private
  - Outdoor gatherings are limited to 25 people for both public and private gatherings
  - Restaurants, offices, churches, libraries, office spaces, museums and fitness facilities are reduced to 25% of occupancy
  - Schools, Police and Fire are exempted

#### Health

##### City Case Counts

- There were 32 cases reported on Thursday, 3 on Friday, 13 on Saturday and 14 on Sunday. Many labs were closed for the holiday.
- We have 1,045 open cases
- The deaths in the City are at 22 deaths
- 95 N/A
- 1173 recovered

- A total of 2,335 cases to date
- We continue to stress the guidelines and ask people to stay in quarantine if infected
- We have administered 688 tests at COMP with 3 positive on the first day, 33 on the second and 31 on the third day. We are steady today with testing
- We have received a number of tests reported as “TNP” which means test not processed. This could be for a number of reasons and we will need to contact the individuals to have them retest
- We are working with IT to see if we can generate a standard email message for the TNP results

#### **Police Department**

- Status Quo on services
- Officers are reminding businesses about the change in the Governor’s guidelines. Most stores appear to be abiding by the new measures. Arnolds had a line out the door and down Grattan Street with a person counting at the door
- Restaurants appear to be complying as well
- Question will be the Big Box stores as gifts are returned today and the next few day

#### **Fire Department**

- Status quo on services
- Assisting with the testing center

#### **Emergency Management**

- Services and staffing are continuing although had four firefighters report infections with COVID
- Working at the COVID testing at COMP and revising some procedures
- Test site is working well and it is a tribute to everyone working together and volunteering

#### **Safety**

- Status Quo on staffing
- There is adequate PPE for testing at COMP and volunteers are comfortable
- We are using I-Pads for data entry which will help the process once we have experience with them
- Today we have two EMTs from the Sheriff’s department helping with testing

#### **DPW**

- Status quo on staffing and services
- All staff members are back at work

## COA

- Status Quo on staff and services
- Continuing meal delivery and Seniors are appreciative of the meals and the ability to see staff members. We are maintaining our connection with Seniors
- Seniors are asking about and looking forward to a vaccine so they can return in person to the building

## Human Resources

- Status Quo on services
- The stimulus bill and provisions signed by the President are being reviewed