



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, February 1, 2021, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

#### Mayor's Office

- The state COVID numbers are still trending downward with 2,546 new cases reported for a total of 71,948 open cases
- There were 46 new deaths and 1,676 cases in hospitals with 371 in an ICU. The average age of hospitalization remained at 70 years old
- The seven day average positivity rate dropped to 3.61%
- The virus numbers continue trending downwards. Vaccination of individuals 75 years and older started today
- Our Health Department doctor visited our proposed vaccination site at the COA
- There are questions about scheduling the second dose. The sites will have a separate sign-up for the second dose
- Vaccine sites have opened in Ludlow and South Hadley at their Big Y stores
- Chicopee is working with the state DPH to open sites in Chicopee
- We are starting to get vaccinations into the arms of our most vulnerable citizens
- Need to explain to residents that vaccination does not stop you from getting the virus. US Rep Lynch got virus after receiving second dose and this is normal. Vaccination stops you from getting the disease not the virus
- Vaccination is 95% effective in mitigating the severity of the disease and preventing hospitalization and death
- Cannot go out and see grandchildren after first dose must get second dose and wait at least four weeks before getting immunity and you could still pass it on to others. If there are at risk individuals in household it is recommend that you should not visit even if you were vaccinated
- Only way to stop getting the virus is wearing a mask, washing hands and social distancing

#### Health

##### City Case Counts

- We continue to averaging below 30 new cases daily
- We have 468 open cases

- There are 23 deaths
- 106 N/A
- 2,474 recovered
- A total of 3,071 cases to date

#### **Police Department**

- Status Quo on services
- We have three officers out with one returning, one scheduled to return, and one officer out and recovering
- We are checking with the testing lab in Cambridge to see if they will be open to receive samples and testing processing. Will deliver our samples if lab is open

#### **Fire Department**

- Status quo on services and all firefighters are back
- No new positive cases

#### **Emergency Management**

- Services and staffing are status quo
- The test site is going well
- Prepared for storm forecasted at 6-8 inches of snow and potential power outages

#### **Safety**

- Status Quo on staffing
- We had a positivity rate of 7.50% for Chicopee only residents on Wednesday
- If City Hall is closed for a snow day tomorrow the test site will be closed
- A decision on closing will be made at 3:00 pm
- We will need help for the administration and operation of the vaccination site if approved by state
- Will send out request for volunteers for vaccination site and assistance but need someone to manage this project

#### **DPW**

- Status quo on staffing
- We are ready for storm with salting of streets and planning for snow removal

#### **COA**

- Status Quo on staffing and services
- Continue to be overwhelmed with calls on vaccination registration assistance
- A job description has been drafted and sent to HR for temporary help setting up vaccination appointments and now setting tax assistance appointments

- We anticipate needing two additional temporary staff
- Thursday will be the next round of appointment openings and want to be ready to assist residents

#### **Human Resources**

- Status Quo on services
- Ready to finalize job descriptions for temporary help needed for our test and vaccination efforts

#### **Treasurer's Office**

- We are Status Quo on services
- Continue to document COVID expenses

#### **School Department**

- Staff and students are healthy and learning is being delivered to students
- Remote learning day today
- Will determine if tomorrow is a snow day or remote learning day
- Continuing to meet with Union on their objections to more students in person at schools