



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, March 17, 2021, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

Mayor's Office

- The state COVID numbers were slightly increasing with 1,018 new cases reported for a total of 25,492 open cases
- The state numbers were 16 new deaths and 619 cases in hospitals, with 164 in an ICU. The average age of hospitalization remained at 64 years old
- The state seven day average positivity rate remained below 2% at 1.86%
- Testing is still active with 47,546 molecular tests reported bringing cumulative tests to 17,509,640 tests
- The state announced the vaccination groups for the rest of the population. Pre-registration of vaccine appointments are being done by the COA, Treasurers Office, Library staff and Mayor's Office
- The state is still reviewing regional site and we have not heard on the Chicopee site yet
- The Federal government has increased doses to Massachusetts to 106,000 doses and the pharmacies also are allotted another 9,500 doses
- There are 20 cities and towns on the states list of underserved cities and towns which includes Springfield and Holyoke. Chicopee is not on the list
- We continue to work with the state on 250 homebound individuals to get them vaccinated

Health

- City Case Counts
 - There are 149 open cases
 - There are 25 deaths
 - 115 N/A
 - 3,176 recovered
 - A total of 3,465 cases to date
- In early April the state will help us with homeless individuals
- We must input all names manually

Police Department

- Status Quo on services

- We still have one officer out on long-term recovery
- The second officer will return to duty on Friday

Fire Department

- Status quo on services with one firefighter out on long-term recovery

Emergency Management

- Services and staffing continue

Safety

- Status Quo on staffing
- There were 77 tests administered Monday and 25 so far today as of 10:00 am
- There were six positive on Monday giving us a positivity rate of 7.79%
- We have requested another 100 food boxes for shut in and quarantined individuals

DPW

- Status quo on staffing

COA

- Status Quo on staffing and services
- We are providing corned beef and cabbage meals today for St. Patrick's day and the seniors are in good spirits
- We have about 1,700 seniors awaiting a vaccination on our list
- The group continues processing Pre-registrations for seniors for appointments at Eastfield Mall

Human Resources

- Status Quo on services