



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 31, 2021, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

Mayor's Office

- We are in discussions with the MA DPH on our Vaccine site, getting directions and answers to our questions
- We will be getting Pfizer doses and probably not for three weeks as there is currently a shortage of doses with the state
- FEMA reimbursement is being determined
- The state COVID numbers again were increasing with 1,683 new cases reported for a total of 31,298 open cases
- The state numbers were 18 new deaths and 711 cases in hospitals, with 172 in an ICU. The average age of hospitalization remained at 63 years old
- The state seven day average positivity rate remained above 2% with an increase to 2.55%
- Testing is active with 59,818 molecular tests reported bringing cumulative tests to 18,705,555 tests
- The numbers continue to stay high and vaccinations continue to increase

Health

- We continue to have our city numbers trend in the wrong direction and we are averaging 20 new cases a day
- We are asking everyone to wear masks, wash hands, socially distance and remain vigilant, especially young adults
- City Case Counts
 - There are 207 open cases
 - There are 26 deaths
 - 115 N/A
 - 3,359 recovered
 - A total of 3,707 cases to date
- It appears that people are traveling, gathering and the variant is moving through the community. The variant is more contagious
- We are see the virus move through the Latino community

Police Department

- Status Quo on services

- We still have the one officer out on long-term recovery returning to light duty

Fire Department

- Status quo on services
- Our one firefighter out on long-term recovery was given clearance to return to work

Emergency Management

- Services and staffing continue
- Working on test site and seeing an increase with testing

Safety

- Status Quo on staffing
- There were 75 tests administered so far on Wednesday
- We had nine positive on Monday out of 54 test giving us a 16.67% positivity rate
- We will need staff for the testing center to support the testing

DPW

- Status quo on staffing
- All services continue

COA

- Status Quo on staffing and services
- Maintaining a list for the vaccine site to add to the pre-registration once we open

Human Resources

- Status Quo on services

Treasurer

- If needed staff may volunteer to help at the testing site
- Working with MA DPH on FEMA reimbursement