



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, May 19, 2021, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

Mayor's Office

- There were 359 new cases yesterday for a total of 12,701 open cases
- The state numbers indicated 6 new deaths yesterday
- The state had 326 cases in hospitals, with 93 in an ICU. The average age of hospitalization remained 55 years old
- The state seven day average positivity is 1.06%
- Testing is continuing with 37,627 molecular tests reported and brings the cumulative tests to 22,422,268 tests
- The state had announced changes in the re-opening protocols on Monday and announced the lifting of the state of emergency on June 15th
- FEMA re-imbursements will continue until December 31st
- There is some question on outdoor dining and the use of Special Permits to allow outdoor dining to continue more than 60 days after the end of the state of emergency
- The City Hall check point may remain as we would only want individuals having business to conduct to enter City Hall. We would not want people wandering around the building
- We will watch the numbers to see if there would be restrictions added to the open building proposals as the local Health Department may issue orders to address the health emergency
- The Library will open more but still restrict use of community rooms until the public and staff get adjusted to the re-opening and programs. We will need the community rooms in case outdoor programs must move inside

Health

- City Case Counts
 - There are 95 open cases
 - There are 26 deaths
 - 120 N/A
 - 4,176 recovered

- A total of 4,417 cases to date

- We only had five cases yesterday
- Chicopee will follow the Governor's guidance as long as our numbers continue to trend in the right direction
- The City had issued a mask order prior to the State mask order so we will need to rescind our mask order
- It has been shown that people can still get the virus even if vaccinated
- The Governor moved the expected date of re-opening from August 3rd to May 29th and June 1st so we must adjust our requirements accordingly

Police Department

- Status quo on services, but we had one officer test positive for COVID. The officer worked the testing site and we will have the officer re-tested to see if a false positive
- Officers will wear masks if answering a call and they are not vaccinated. While we cannot demand vaccination status, we can allow those who provide proof of vaccination the ability to answer a call without wearing a mask. If an officer does not provide evidence of vaccination then they will be required to wear a mask
- We want to keep public and officers safe

Fire Department

- Status quo on services
- The Fire Department requires a mask for all health related calls/ medical calls

Emergency Management

- Status quo on services and staffing

Safety

- Status Quo on staffing
- We had 20 tests so far today and had two positive on Monday
- The state DPH is frustrated with guidelines for activities like graduation, performances, religious worship and gatherings as they were taken off guard by Governor's order
- The state DPH has updated some guidelines on the website already

DPW

- Status quo on staffing

COA

- Status Quo on staffing and services
- Working on re-opening plan with other city COAs

- The COA may expel individuals if they do not follow the requirements for the COA with regard to things like maximum number of participants per class or activity, number of people per table for food programs, etc.
- The area COAs are working on a group approach to re-opening

Human Resources

- Status Quo on services

Treasurer

- Status Quo