



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 26, 2021, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

Mayor's Office

- The state reported there were 195 new cases yesterday for a total of 9,034 open cases which is 1,028 drop in cases since Monday
- The state numbers indicated 10 new deaths yesterday
- The state had 248 cases in hospitals, with 74 in an ICU. The average age of hospitalization continued at 59 years old
- The state seven day average positivity is 0.93% which remains below 1.00%
- Testing is continuing with 30,530 molecular tests reported and brings the cumulative tests to 22,725,434 tests
- The state numbers continue to move in a hopeful direction
- The city's numbers are continuing in a positive direction and the Friday COVID Update meeting is cancelled – the next time to meet will be Wednesday, June 2nd.
 - At that time it will be determined as to the need for multiple meetings or reduction to once or twice weekly.
- Governor Baker released news of filing legislation to extend certain COVID-19 emergency measures proposing:
 - Temporary suspension of open meeting law requirements (extended to Sept. 1, 2021)
 - Special permits for expanding outside dining at restaurants (extended to Nov. 29, 2021)
 - Billing protections for COVID-19 patients (extended to Jan. 1, 2022)
 - Extending these measures, which were instituted by executive order, requires legislation.

Health

- City Case Counts
 - There are 59 open cases
 - There are 26 deaths
 - 120 N/A
 - 4,232 recovered
 - A total of 4,438 cases to date

- We continue to have a low infection rate in Chicopee with only three (3) cases yesterday

Police Department

- Status quo on services, the one officer positive for COVID and in quarantine
- Officers who have not been vaccinated must wear masks on calls and also in areas where they cannot social distance from other officers and staff – *expecting more guidance from Governor Baker*

Fire Department

- Status quo on services
- The Fire Department will also require firefighters wear masks when they cannot social distance in offices or stations
- The Castle of Knights Mass Vaccination clinic will operate on Thursday for second doses and any walk-ins
 - Anyone receiving a first dose on 05/27/2021 will be informed that they will need to get the second dose elsewhere.
 - Any remaining vaccine doses will be held for future booster doses – *expires in 2069.*

Emergency Management

- Status quo on services and staffing
- Emergency shelter structure has been set up and tested in Fairview Area

Safety

- Status Quo on staffing
- We had eleven on so far today with very little demand
 - 0 positive tests from Mondays testing total
 - Will move to a Tuesday only testing next week June 1st
- Conversations with Baystate Medical confirmed they only have 33 patients in their facilities with covid related issues

DPW

- Status quo on staffing
- The June 1st re-opening procedures will include **updated** timeclock cleanliness procedures to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19

COA

- Status Quo on staffing and services
- There has been no decision with area COAs are a re-opening approach

- We are waiting until after the Memorial Day weekend to review the case numbers and determine the right time to re-open
- Currently focus is on cleaning and setting up outside areas and equipment
- Future focus will begin indoor cleaning protocols after June 1st to prepare for the reopening to the public
- Working on obtaining RFPs for cabinets and storage units for the large number items that were acquired during pandemic (i.e. cooking items, tents, disinfecting units, etc.)
- Holyoke Health Care will return to the Council on Aging (RMSC) for the second doses of vaccinations and walk-ins next week

Human Resources

- Status Quo on services
- Determining the end date of COVID Leave – June 15th is the end of the State of Emergency and the COVID Leave will come to a **hard end** on June 15th (i.e. anyone taking leave due to covid would be required to use their sick, vacation, or personal time for any days used beyond June 15, 2021).

Treasurer

- Status Quo