



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, July 28, 2021, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

#### Mayor's Office

- We are urging students to get vaccinated and the schools have started a campaign to contact parents through robo calls and messages
- The CDC has issued a mask guideline that suggests wearing a mask indoors
- The COVID case numbers are rising due to the Delta variant in Springfield and the state
- The state had 657 new cases which is a large increase
- The state numbers indicated 12 new death yesterday which is an increase
- The state had 152 cases in hospitals, with 33 in ICU which is steady with the last few days
- The state seven day average positivity is 1.83% which is also an increase
- Testing is continuing with 31,281 molecular tests reported and brings the cumulative tests to 24, 520, 695 tests
- We need to continue to encourage everyone to get vaccinated
- The Vax Bus will be at National Night Out on Monday August 2<sup>nd</sup> and we are promoting this through the Housing Authority and Chicopee Village in the area
- We are watching the numbers to see if we should re-open the testing center

#### Health

- City Case Counts
  - There are 58 open cases which is more than double from last week
  - There are 26 deaths
  - 122 N/A
  - 4,340 recovered
  - A total of 4,546 cases to date
- We are seeing the influx of infections with 26 over the weekend and Monday
- These are not all younger people with only 4 children under 12
- These cases are families with five in one household and four in another and multiple infections in a location

- Our contacts at Holyoke Medical Center are telling us this is a wave of unvaccinated individuals which are driving the pandemic
- The CDC is pushing individuals to get vaccinated and data shows that vaccinations protect against any form of COVID providing protection from hospitalization and death
- We are encouraging everyone to get vaccinated
- There was a positive child at a summer camp and parents were informed
- We are working with parents on watching children who may have been exposed

#### **Police Department**

- Status quo on services
- Steady on staffing
- Youth Academy has had no incidents and outside with distancing
- Working on National Night Out with gloves and masks even though we are outdoors

#### **Fire Department**

- Status quo on services
- No word from the Governor's office on mask mandates
- The Governor is looking to municipalities to order mask wearing based upon outbreaks in a community
- Vaccines in doctor and pediatricians office will help with the school reopening

#### **Emergency Management**

- Status quo on services and staffing
- Have materials ready to re-open the test site but we have not gotten any calls requesting a test site
- PPE inventory is adequate for a possible resurgence

#### **Safety**

- Status Quo on staffing
- We have ordered more N-95 masks for employees and schools
- Our test provider, the Broad Institute does the sequence testing for variants, but only test a small number of positives for variants as it takes several days to process the variant testing
- Not every positive test is tested for variants
- Have supplies for National Night Out

#### **DPW**

- Status quo on staffing
- Adequate PPE for employees

#### **COA**

- Status Quo on staffing and services
- We are averaging less than 100 visitors a day to the Center
- Individuals visiting are not wearing masks and we may issue a mask wearing requirement if numbers in the area increase
- We are targeting return of the lunch program in September based upon numbers
- The older age group is not seeing an increase in infections currently
- Looking at having the state Vax Bus visit the COA

#### **Human Resources**

- Status Quo on services
- Hand sanitizer is distributed to offices as needed

#### **Treasurer**

- Status Quo
- Reimbursement requests continue to be processed