



## Mayor Vieau - COVID-19 Situational Update

*We are in this together!*

The City of Chicopee has 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, September 8, 2021, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

### **Mayor's Office**

- The state had 5,484 new cases which is stable from last week
- The state numbers indicated 17 new deaths yesterday which is stable
- The state had 601 cases in hospitals, with 164 in ICU which is a slight increase over last week and there is concern about hospital capacity
- The state seven day average positivity remains below 3% at 2.32%
- Testing is continuing with 264,404 molecular tests reported which is a large increase over last week and brings the cumulative tests to 26,669,292 tests
- There will be testing centers September 7-9 at Bellamy, Chicopee Comp and Chicopee High
- Opening a testing center one day a week could be on the horizon
- Interested in a potential mask mandate for municipal buildings and when 2 or more people are in a vehicle effective Monday, September 13 until further notice
- Robo call for COA with mask mandate included and a press release

### **Health**

- City Case Counts
  - There are 352 open cases which is an increase from last week
  - There are 29 deaths which was an increase of one death since last week
  - 122 N/A
  - 4,685 recovered
  - A total of 5,184 cases to date
- We are seeing infections at a daily average of 17 new cases a day primarily in the 20-40 age group
- Chicopee's positivity rate was 4.4% last week which is high
- Vaccinations are scheduled at the two high schools and middle schools for September 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>
- If you are vaccinated and a family member has COVID, you do not need to quarantine, but it is recommended that you get tested
- In favor of a mask mandate for municipal buildings and a Monday morning testing site

### **Police Department**

- 60-65% vaccinated
- 1 person out today who is not confirmed to have COVID

- Hoping for a Monday or Tuesday morning testing site
- In favor of a mask mandate for municipal buildings

### **Fire Department**

- Status quo on services and staffing
- Could we give COVID tests to school nurses to perform on students?
- Feels that the honor system is working, but is not against a mask mandate for municipal buildings

### **Emergency Management**

- Status quo on services and staffing

### **Safety**

- Status Quo on staffing
- Inventory of PPE is adequate after start of school
- We are seeing an increase in demand for testing at both the Eastfield Mall and HCC locations
- We are looking at the COA building as well as the Broadway School Department building
- COA may require the use of a tent as programs are in place in the adjoining rooms
- Would test one day a week at first depending upon demand
- In favor of a mask mandate in common spaces

### **DPW**

- 2 positive cases that are both quarantining
- In favor of a mask mandate for common spaces

### **COA**

- Status Quo on staffing and services
- Looking to set up a testing site one day a week in the morning on Mondays
- Will monitor numbers to see if we can adjust scheduling and asking individuals who are not vaccinated to wear a mask
- Would feel more comfortable with a mask mandate
- September 23 for Pfizer, October 14 for 3<sup>rd</sup> dose of Moderna for immunocompromised individual

### **Human Resources**

- Status Quo on services
- The discussion about masking in city buildings and work areas continues
- Dislike masks, but think employees should wear masks when not at their own desk

### **Treasurer**

- Status Quo

- Would like to mandate masks due to exposure risk from the influx of people in the office regularly
- Does not think we should mandate at the private sector level
- Does not like the risk of losing employees to quarantining and positive cases