



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 15, 2021, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

Mayor's Office

- We are seeing a high level of COVID infections in our area
- There are an average of 25 a day which is high but the numbers are seeing lower aged individuals being infected
- We had children ages 9 months, 4 years old, 7 years old, 12 years old, 10 years old, 11 years old, 14 years old, 16 years old and 18 years old. About half of the daily cases reports are now children in unvaccinated households
- The state had 1,453 new cases which is stable from last week
- The state numbers indicated 24 new deaths yesterday which is an increase from last week
- The state had 716 cases in hospitals, with 172 in ICU which is an increase over last week and there is concern about hospital capacity locally at Bay State and Mercy
- The state seven day average positivity remains below 3% at 2.28%
- Testing is continuing with 65,226 molecular tests reported which is an increase over last week and brings the cumulative tests to 27,207,427 tests

Health

- City Case Counts
 - There are 258 open cases which is a slight decrease from last week
 - There are 29 deaths
 - 125 N/A
 - 4,941 recovered
 - A total of 5,353 cases to date
- We are seeing infections at a daily average of 25 new cases a day which is steady but high

Police Department

- Status quo on services with no new case and all officers reporting for duty
- The Department is taking all precautions for protecting employees and the public
- Officers are ready for the testing center on Monday

Fire Department

- Status quo on services with the one individual on quarantine returned to duty
- No new cases
- Fire personnel will be at test center on Monday

Emergency Management

- Status quo on services and staffing
- We are seeing higher infections throughout the Hampden County area
- Other communities are reporting similar cases with the virus impacting younger individuals and children
- Will stand up the testing center at the River Mills on Monday

Safety

- Status Quo on staffing
- Inventory of PPE is adequate after initiating the Mask Mandate in public buildings
- We are seeing a wait time for testing at both the Eastfield Mall and HCC locations
- We will restart our testing center at the COA building upper level
- We will test on Mondays from 8:00 am to noon
- We can expand to additional hours or days depending upon demand
- We will need to get the word out on Social Media and in a press release

DPW

- Status quo on staffing and services with two individual out on quarantine
- No new cases

COA

- Status Quo on staffing and services
- We continue to have about 100 visitors per day
- The Senior meals remain grab and go and the few senior centers that had opened for in person meals are now returning to grab and go
- Senior Center is ready for Monday, September 20th COVID testing at the upper level
- The visitors are complying with the mask mandate and not have problems with compliance
- The COA will run another vaccine clinic on September 23rd, Thursday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm walk-ins are welcome
- They will be offering the Pfizer vaccine with second doses on October 14th and third doses for those who are immune compromised with the Moderna vaccine

Human Resources

- Status Quo on services
- The compliance with the mask mandate in city buildings is good and masks are available for visitors who do not have one

Library

- Status Quo on services
- One employee out on quarantine for care of a relative
- We are seeing 7,000 to 8,000 visitors a month which is about half of our usual visitors
- Mask mandate is going well with compliance and only a small group complaining. But compliant

Treasurer

- Status Quo