



## 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 29, 2021, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

### **Mayor's Office**

- We are seeing a peak in the surge of COVID infections in our area, but we are still steady and high in the number of infections
- There remains an average of 20 cases a day
- The state had 1,380 new cases which is stable from last week
- The state numbers indicated 22 new deaths yesterday which is stable from last week and too high
- The state had 643 cases in hospitals, with 169 in ICU which is also stable from last week
- The state seven day average positivity dropped below 2% at 1.97%
- Testing is continuing with 54,215 molecular tests reported which brings the cumulative tests to 28,463,485 tests
- Our discussions about imposing an indoor mask mandate was informative and spirited
- Springfield and West Springfield maintain indoor mask mandates, with Ludlow and other towns not requiring a mandate
- Our vaccination rate has increased to 60% and over 80% of our seniors are fully vaccinated
- The population we were most concerned about is fully vaccinated at a high level and others continue to get vaccinated
- Data on children under 12 receiving the vaccination looks promising and may be implemented at the end of October

### **Health**

- City Case Counts
  - There are 356 open cases which is steady from last week
  - There are 30 deaths with the new death a man over 70 years old who suffered with multiple health issues
  - 128 N/A
  - 5,143 recovered
  - A total of 5,657 cases to date
- We are seeing infections at a daily average of 20 cases a day
- The new cases continue to be split among younger adults and children with no drop in the rate of child infections
- The Board of Health did not approve an indoor mask mandate

### **Police Department**

- Status quo on services with one case who has been discharged from the hospital and is home recovering
- Was not vaccinated and healthy with no underlining health conditions and we are grateful he is recovering
- The Department is taking all precautions and continuing to use PPE and disinfectant

### **Fire Department**

- Status quo on services with the one new additional case and two cases total
- Fire personnel performed well at test center again on Monday
- For the two days we administered 160 tests, 80 tests a day

### **Emergency Management**

- Status quo on services and staffing
- We continue to see high infection rates throughout the Hampden County area but the rate is stable
- The testing center at the River Mills on Monday was appreciated by residents with 80 tests administered
- Only five positive test results total over two days and only one positive last Monday
- Thanks to the employees volunteering to work the site and operations continue to be smooth

### **Safety**

- Status Quo on staffing
- Inventory of PPE is adequate for testing and city operations
- Appreciate everyone's work and support for the testing site

### **DPW**

- Status quo on staffing and services
- No new cases and the masking mandate for city buildings and operations was helpful

### **COA**

- Status Quo on staffing and services
- We continue to have about 100 visitors per day
- We are signing up individuals for second doses and for booster doses with Holyoke Health Center providing the services
- The Senior meals remain grab and go and we are serving about 200 meals a day

### **Human Resources**

- Status Quo on services
- The state COVID leave is being tracked and is before the Governor

### **Library**

- Status Quo on services
- Outdoor programs are attracting users

**Treasurer**

- Status Quo