



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, October 27, 2021, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

Mayor's Office

- We are seeing a steady rate of COVID infections in our area
- The largest group of individuals continues to be age 20 through 40 and also children living in the same household
- The CDC has authorized a mixing of doses on the booster shot, meaning someone vaccinated with Pfizer may get a booster shot using Moderna and vice versa. Also the J&J can get a booster shot
- The state had 1,115 new cases which is down from last week
- The state numbers indicated 23 new deaths yesterday which is also down from last week and too high
- The state had 546 cases in hospitals, with 137 in ICU which is lower than last week
- The state seven day average positivity remains below 2% at 1.61%
- Testing is continuing with 82,568 molecular tests reported which brings the cumulative tests to 30,751,863 tests. This is down from last week
- We want to continue to make vaccination opportunities available to residents as we are at 57% vaccinated which is low and Hampden County remains the lowest in vaccination rates in the state

Health

- City Case Counts
 - There are 179 open cases which is slightly down from last week
 - There are 31 deaths which is one new death of a mid 80 year old female who had co-morbidities
 - 134 N/A
 - 5,684 recovered
 - A total of 6,028 cases to date
- We will have walk up Curative COVID Testing at Sarah Jane Park on Thursdays from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Also, the mobile vaccination bus will be at Spooktacular on Thursday the 28th with COVID and flu vaccinations
- Child vaccines at a lower dose than adults will start in November based upon the DC approval
- The state has continued the use of masks in the schools

Police Department

- We have one officer who tested positive for COVID out on leave but expected back soon
- The Police officer who was near death has recovered and is back at work

Fire Department

- Status quo on services with all firefighters returned to duty
- The group is considering the current mask mandate in municipal buildings and has decided to allow first responders, Police and Fire personnel to not have to wear masks in the offices unless dealing with the public. Most officers and firefighters are vaccinated and social distance so the mask would not be needed in non-public settings. Employees are allowed to wear a mask if they choose to wear one

Emergency Management

- Status quo on services and staffing

Safety

- Status Quo on staffing
- There were 41 tests administered on Monday and two tested positive for COVID and live in the same household
- We are recommending flu shots to individuals

DPW

- Status quo on staffing and services
- No new cases

COA

- Status Quo on staffing and services
- We continue to maintain about 100 visitors per day
- We are going to have difficulty with the Christmas and Thanksgiving meal distribution if we do not get more volunteers. These are high demand and high number of meals requested so we need help getting them packaged and distributed
- We will also need help delivering meals at this times
- A flu shot clinic is on track for November 3rd

Human Resources

- Status Quo on services

Treasurer

- Status Quo