



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, November 3, 2021, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

Mayor's Office

- We are seeing a decrease in the 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 with a guardian in the 20 to 40 age range
- The CDC has authorized the vaccination of children aged five to eleven
- Doses are available at pediatricians, pharmacies, and vaccination clinics
- The state had 1,066 new cases which is down from last week
- The state numbers indicated 25 new deaths yesterday which is steady from last week and too high
- The state had 522 cases in hospitals, with 130 in ICU which is lower than last week
- The state seven day average positivity remains below 2% at 1.73%
- Testing is continuing with 48,887 molecular tests reported which brings the cumulative tests to 31,279,628 tests. This is down from last week
- We want to continue to make vaccination opportunities available to residents as we are still at 57% vaccinated which is low

Health

- City Case Counts
 - There are 263 open cases
 - There are 31 deaths
 - 134 N/A
 - 5,699 recovered
 - A total of 6,127 cases to date
- We have walk up Curative COVID Testing at Sarah Jane Park on Thursdays from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, but only 6 people were tested last week
- The city decided to discontinue its mask mandate in municipal buildings asking that individuals who are not vaccinated wear a mask
- Employees may continue to wear a mask
- The library has 300 visitors a day and are bringing indoors the programs which were outside
- Also, the library has programs and events where people congregate which was a consideration
- The COA has similar programs and events indoors and there was concern about the mask mandate

- Again individuals may wear masks if they want and we will maintain Plexiglas dividers and continue to disinfect areas of the offices and rooms
- The vaccination rate of seniors, over 60 years of age is 80%
- Signs will be posted encouraging individuals wear masks but the mandate will be discontinued

Police Department

- We have all officers back at work

Fire Department

- Status quo on services but one new case of a firefighter infected who will return when they get a negative test

Emergency Management

- Status quo on services and staffing

Safety

- Status Quo on staffing
- There were 36 tests administered on Monday and one tested positive for COVID. The girl who tested positive is four years old and lives in the same household as infected adults
- We have masks and disinfectant available for all buildings
- Signs will be distributed for all municipal buildings on the wearing of masks being recommended
- A notice of the mask recommendations will be emailed to all employees

DPW

- Status quo on staffing and services
- No new cases

COA

- Status Quo on staffing and services
- Grab and go meal service continues
- A COVID booster shot clinic will be held on December 2nd and sign ups are encouraged

Human Resources

- Status Quo on services

Treasurer

- Status Quo