



## 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 10, 2021, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

### **Mayor's Office**

- Springfield reported an increase in COVID infections which is worrisome given the onset of Fall and increased inside gatherings. We saw an increase last year around this time and then the Delta variant went through our city. The Springfield numbers may be due to Halloween which is concerning for the upcoming holidays and low vaccination rates
- The largest group of individuals infected 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
- There was an outbreak at a congregate care facility which we are still seeing a small amount of cases reported
- The CDC is considering treatments from Merck and other companies. There is a pill and a shot which decreased the impact of the COVID virus
- Children five to eleven doses are available at pediatricians, pharmacies, and vaccination clinics
- The state had 1,397 new cases which is up from last week
- The state numbers indicated 24 new deaths yesterday which is steady from last week and too high
- The state had 515 cases in hospitals, with 143 in ICU which is steady compared to last week
- The state seven day average positivity has gotten above 2% at 2.05%
- Testing is continuing with 63,441 molecular tests reported which brings the cumulative tests to 31,847,601 tests. This is also up 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 276 open cases
  - There are 31 deaths
  - 134 N/A
  - 5,800 recovered
  - A total of 6,241 cases to date
- We have Curative COVID Testing at Sarah Jane Park on Thursdays from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, with an increase in testing from last week with 22 individuals tested

- With colder weather they are looking for an indoor location for two people and we will contact Stefanick School and the Boys and Girls Club
- Signs were posted encouraging individuals wear masks indoors

#### **Police Department**

- We are stable on staff and all shifts are covered

#### **Fire Department**

- Status quo on services and the firefighter returned to work

#### **Emergency Management**

- Status quo on services and staffing

#### **Safety**

- Status Quo on staffing
- There were 51 tests administered on Monday and six tested positive for COVID. One was a repeat test
- We have masks and disinfectant available
- The status of the President's OSHA mandated vaccination and testing is being followed

#### **DPW**

- Status quo on staffing and services
- No new cases

#### **COA**

- Status Quo on staffing and services
- There is a lot of interest in the December 2<sup>nd</sup> booster clinic. First and second doses of the vaccination will also be available

#### **Human Resources**

- Status Quo on services
- Monitoring and processing leaves

#### **Library**

- Staff is all healthy and wearing masks
- Will be offering programs in connection with the tree lighting at City Hall
- They are seeing about 9000 people a month which is slightly below pre-COVID but consistent with the surrounding community

#### **Treasurer**

- Status Quo