



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 17, 2021, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

Mayor's Office

- Pfizer has requested approval of their COVID treatment by pill form
- Many states are asking for booster shots to be expanded to all individuals and the CDC is considering the request
- Children five to eleven doses are available at pediatricians, pharmacies, and vaccination clinics
- The state had 1,848 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 599 cases in hospitals, with 124 in ICU which is up compared to last week
- The state seven day average positivity remains above 2% at 2.61%
- Testing is continuing with 53,779 molecular tests reported which brings the cumulative tests to 32,389,939 tests.
- We want to continue to make vaccination opportunities available to residents and are at 58% vaccinated which is low
- We are being cautious with events downsizing Bright Nights to only 50 people per night and not providing a sit down meal for seniors
- The 150th anniversary of the City Hall Auditorium has been turned into a tour only for students and the public

Health

- City Case Counts
 - There are 301 open cases
 - There are 31 deaths
 - 134 N/A
 - 5,951 recovered
 - A total of 6,417 cases to date
- A lot of the cases are school age from the pool testing
- Many of the children are asymptomatic and parents are surprised to find out they are positive
- The positive individuals will quarantine and those who test negative may stay in school
- About 30% of the cases are breakthrough cases showing the need for the booster shots
- The majority of cases are unvaccinated

- We are seeing many large events like the Patriots Football games, concerts and the like. Municipal events will be downsized and precautions will be in place
- We will have our Thanksgiving game and encourage everyone in attendance to be vaccinated with adequate spacing of fans
- Vaccines are available at pharmacies and we will not have the Vax Bus here as we only have two people sign up of the all-day bus

Police Department

- We are stable on staff and all shifts are covered

Fire Department

- Status quo on services and all firefighters reporting for work

Emergency Management

- Status quo on services and staffing

Safety

- At full staffing
- There were 43 tests administered on Monday and four tested positive for COVID. One was a repeat test

DPW

- Status quo on staffing and services
- There were three new cases in quarantine with sources family or outside of work

COA

- Status Quo on staffing and services
- The December 2nd booster clinic is fully subscribed. First and second doses of the vaccination will also be available
- The Thanksgiving dinner meal drive through is at 600 meals and traffic is a concern, but no one will be allowed outside of their cars

Human Resources

- Status Quo on services
- Monitoring and processing leaves which are down

Library

- Staff is all healthy and wearing masks
- About 75% of patrons are wearing masks while in the library

Treasurer

- Status Quo