



## Mayor Vieau - COVID-19 Situational Update

*We are in this together!*

The City of Chicopee has transitioned to daily 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, August 4, 2021, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

### **Mayor's Office**

- We are urging students to get vaccinated and the schools are continuing the campaign to contact parents
- The COVID case numbers are rising due to the Delta variant in Western Mass and the state
- The state had 883 new cases which is a large increase over last week
- The state numbers indicated 2 new death yesterday which is an increase
- The state had 226 cases in hospitals, with 51 in ICU which is also an increase over last week
- The state seven day average positivity is above 2% at 2.54% which is also an increase
- Testing is continuing with 33,448 molecular tests reported and brings the cumulative tests to 24,756,326 tests
- The Vax Bus was at National Night Out on Monday and we had over 20 students get vaccinated

### **Health**

- City Case Counts
  - There are 123 open cases which is more than double from last week
  - There are 26 deaths
  - 122 N/A
  - 4,343 recovered
  - A total of 4,614 cases to date
- We are seeing a continued increase of infections with 18 on Monday
- These cases are families with multiple infections in a household
- The cases are unvaccinated individuals
- We are working with parents and the schools to get students vaccinated and will have the Vax bus visit the Middle and High Schools before School starts

### **Police Department**

- Status quo on services
- Steady on staffing
- Have ordered more gloves and masks

**Fire Department**

- Status quo on services
- Adequate PPE and safeguards

**Emergency Management**

- Status quo on services and staffing
- PPE inventory is adequate

**Safety**

- Status Quo on staffing
- Continuing to stress safety and protection to employees from the virus

**DPW**

- Status quo on staffing
- Adequate PPE for employees

**COA**

- Status Quo on staffing and services
- We are seeing less visitors per day as individuals are concerned about the virus and delta variant
- Individuals visiting are not wearing masks and are working with the State and other COA to determine if we should institute a mandatory mask requirement
- We are targeting return of the lunch program on September 7th based upon numbers
- Will monitor numbers over the next two weeks to see if we need to change opening
- The older age group is not seeing an increase in infections but concern is impacting visitors and programs

**Human Resources**

- Status Quo on services

**Treasurer**

- Status Quo
- Reimbursement requests continue with new orders of PPE being added to the request