



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 25, 2021, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

Mayor's Office

- We continue working on getting students vaccinated for the start of school
- The COVID case numbers higher but stable in Chicopee and we continue to see the largest group the 20 - 40 year olds being infected
- The state had 1,290 new cases which is stable from last week
- The state numbers indicated 16 new death yesterday which is an increase
- The state had 575 cases in hospitals, with 140 in ICU which is also a larger increase over last week and causing some concern about hospital capacity
- The state seven day average positivity remains below 3% at 2.72%
- Testing is continuing with 47,054 molecular tests reported and brings the cumulative tests to 25,720,356 tests
- We are not getting requests for testing. It appears that Eastfield Mall, HCC, CVS and Walgreens are meeting demands
- Schools are opening and the School Committee has made masking mandatory for the first month, monitoring conditions to change the policy if appropriate
- We appreciate all the preparation and work that went into the tropical storm preparations

Health

- City Case Counts
 - There are 269 open cases which is an increase from last week
 - There are 28 deaths
 - 122 N/A
 - 4,472 recovered
 - A total of 4,891 cases to date
- We are seeing infections at a daily average of 17 new cases a day
- Vaccinations have been scheduled at the two high schools and middle schools for September 7th, 8th and 9th

Police Department

- Status quo on services, but one officer tested positive and is under quarantine
- The officer was a sole performer and did not have contact with other officers

- Monitoring and testing officers to see if any may have been infected
- Steady on staffing

Fire Department

- Status quo on services but three individuals on quarantine
- Using face shields and goggles on all calls
- Adequate PPE and equipment

Emergency Management

- Status quo on services and staffing
- We are ready to resume testing if needed
- The state is not publishing the data as they had in the past, but seeing infection rates climbing in communities around us

Safety

- Status Quo on staffing
- Inventory of PPE is adequate for school and Department
- There are reports of wait times and pharmacies scheduling testing a day from the request
- We would need three individuals at the site, a courier and someone to call those testing positive
- There is no longer any reimbursement for any of these costs

DPW

- Status quo on staffing and services with one individual positive in quarantine

COA

- Status Quo on staffing and services
- We continue to have about 100 visitors per day
- The Senior picnic was grab and go with 75 individuals going through the line
- We are changing the program on September 7th from in person to grab and go based upon the infection rates and concerns
- Will monitor numbers to see if we can adjust scheduling

Human Resources

- Status Quo on services
- There is discussion about masking in city buildings and work areas

Treasurer

- Status Quo