



## 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, September 1, 2021, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

### **Mayor's Office**

- We had a successful opening of school with students generally complying with the COVID protocols
- The COVID case numbers in the state and Chicopee continue to see the largest group the 20 – 40 year olds being infected
- The state had 1,557 new cases which is stable from last week
- The state numbers indicated 17 new deaths yesterday which is stable
- The state had 591 cases in hospitals, with 163 in ICU which is a slight increase over last week and there is concern about hospital capacity
- The state seven day average positivity remains below 3% at 2.61%
- Testing is continuing with 63,162 molecular tests reported which is a large increase over last week and brings the cumulative tests to 26,164,000 tests
- We are not getting requests for testing. It appears that Eastfield Mall, HCC, CVS and Walgreens are meeting demands

### **Health**

- City Case Counts
  - There are 327 open cases which is an increase from last week
  - There are 29 deaths which was an increase of one death since last week
  - 122 N/A
  - 4,565 recovered
  - A total of 5,043 cases to date
- We are seeing infections at a daily average of 17 new cases a day primarily in the 20-40 age group
- Chicopee's positivity rate was 4.4% last week which is high
- Vaccinations are scheduled at the two high schools and middle schools for September 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>

### **Police Department**

- Status quo on services and the one officer who had tested positive returned to active duty

### **Fire Department**

- Status quo on services but one individual on quarantine and improving

## **Emergency Management**

- Status quo on services and staffing
- We are ready to resume testing and will look at the Broadway School building to see if that is a possible location for testing

## **Safety**

- Status Quo on staffing
- Inventory of PPE is adequate after start of school
- We are seeing an increase in demand for testing at both the Eastfield Mall and HCC locations
- We are looking at the COA building as well as the Broadway School Department building
- COA may require the use of a tent as programs are in place in the adjoining rooms
- Would test one day a week at first depending upon demand

## **DPW**

- Status quo on staffing and services with one individual returned from quarantine

## **COA**

- Status Quo on staffing and services
- We continue to have about 100 visitors per day
- The Senior meals remain grab and go with individuals going through the line
- Will monitor numbers to see if we can adjust scheduling and asking individuals who are not vaccinated to wear a mask

## **Human Resources**

- Status Quo on services
- The discussion about masking in city buildings and work areas continues

## **Treasurer**

- Status Quo