



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, October 13, 2021, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

Mayor's Office

- We are seeing a slow decline in the rate of COVID infections in our area, but still high
- There City is continuing to average 10 to 12 new cases a day
- The state had 4,466 new cases which is up considerably from last week
- The state numbers indicated 36 new deaths yesterday which is also up considerably from last week and too high
- The state had 541 cases in hospitals, with 144 in ICU which is lower than last week
- The state seven day average positivity remains below 2% but up from last week at 1.88%
- Testing is continuing with 238,997 molecular tests reported which brings the cumulative tests to 29,594,301 tests which is up substantially from last week. It appears more people are testing for a variety of reasons
- Vaccination numbers show that Chicopee is lagging in vaccination rates
- We have been working with church groups on vaccination programs bringing the Vax bus, Bay State vaccination clinic, and Holyoke Health Center clinic to locations around the city
- Merck has developed a pill to treat COVID which is under review by the federal government for use
- Booster shots for Moderna and child shots for ages five through twelve are close to approval

Health

- City Case Counts
 - There are 233 open cases which is slightly down from last week
 - There are 30 deaths which is steady
 - 131 N/A
 - 5,464 recovered
 - A total of 5,858 cases to date
- We will hold a vaccination clinic at the Spooktacular, at neighborhoods and any location which is appropriate
- Department Heads or groups should contact the Health Director and we will make arrangements for vaccinations

Police Department

- Status quo on services
- The officer who was discharged from the hospital and is home recovering well and expected to make a complete recovery
- We have had two officers activated for National Guard service. A third is expected to be called
- This will put additional strain on the department

Fire Department

- Status quo on services with all firefighters returned to duty
- Fire agrees with the difficulty cause by National Guard calls for members of the Department and expect several firefighters to be called
- This will impact our overtime budget and put stress on the Fire Department

Emergency Management

- Status quo on services
- We are seeing more employers mandating vaccinations as a health concern

Safety

- Status Quo on staffing
- There was no testing on Monday due to the holiday

DPW

- Status quo on staffing and services
- No new cases and service levels are good

COA

- Status Quo on staffing and services
- We continue to have about 100 visitors per day
- There will be a COVID vaccination clinic tomorrow and city employees were reminded by email today
- The COA will have a flu clinic on November 3rd
- The Senior meals remains grab and go
- We had one individual at the exercise program test positive for COVID and others who may have been in contact where notified. All are healthy and tested negative for the virus

Human Resources

- Status Quo on services

Treasurer

- Status Quo