



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 20, 2021, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

Mayor's Office

- We are seeing a decrease in the rate of COVID infections in our area along with the state in general.
- The largest group of individuals is age 20 through 40 and also children living in the same household
- The CDC is close to authorizing a mixing of doses on the booster shot, meaning someone vaccinated with Pfizer may get a booster shot using Moderna and vice versa. Also the J&J can get a booster shot
- The state had 1,888 new cases which is down from last week
- The state numbers indicated 25 new deaths yesterday which is also down from last week and too high
- The state had 579 cases in hospitals, with 150 in ICU which is stable with last week
- The state seven day average positivity remains below 2% at 1.74%
- Testing is continuing with 86,727 molecular tests reported which brings the cumulative tests to 30,174,477 tests. This is down substantially from last week
- We want to continue to make vaccination opportunities available to residents as we are still at 56% vaccinated which is low and Hampden County remains the lowest in vaccination rates in the state

Health

- City Case Counts
 - There are 221 open cases which is slightly down from last week
 - There are 30 deaths which is steady
 - 134 N/A
 - 5,563 recovered
 - A total of 5,948 cases to date
- We are setting up Curative COVID Testing at Sarah Jane Park on Thursdays from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Also, the mobile vaccination bus will be at VOC on Mt. Carmel Street but we will need 25 people to pre-register in order to have it arrive
- Child vaccines at a lower dose than adults are anticipated to start in November and the federal government is planning to provide vaccinations through schools and pediatric physicians' offices
- The Spooktacular on October 26th will have a vaccination bus for both COVID and Flu vaccinations

Police Department

- We had one vaccinated officer test positive for COVID and the officer who was out returned
- The PD is waiting for booster approval for all not just those who are immune deficient

- No police assistance has been requested for the Sarah Jane Park testing and if needed will assist

Fire Department

- Status quo on services with one firefighter returned

Emergency Management

- Status quo on services and staffing

Safety

- Status Quo on staffing
- Inventory of PPE is adequate for Spooktacular
- The testing site had 43 individuals go through for testing on Monday with no positive cases

DPW

- Status quo on staffing and services
- No new cases

COA

- Status Quo on staffing and services
- We continue to maintain about 100 visitors per day
- We had a COVID vaccination clinic on October 14th with 45 individuals vaccinated
- There will be a follow up clinic for second shots in November
- A flu shot clinic will be held on November 3rd

Human Resources

- Status Quo on services

Treasurer

- Status Quo
- Submitting reimbursement requests and waiting for approvals