



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

Mayor's Office

- The statewide numbers for infections continue to show a rise across several age categories
- The state had 2,915 new cases which is up from last week
- The state numbers indicated 31 new deaths yesterday which is a slight increase from last week
- The state had 906 cases in hospitals, with 190 in ICU which is up compared to last week
- The state seven day average positivity remains above 2% and is climbing at 4.46%
- Testing is continuing with 63,676 molecular tests reported which brings the cumulative tests to 33,442,164 tests
- Vaccination opportunities are available to residents and we are at 59% vaccinated
- We are being cautious with events downsizing Bright Nights to only 50 people per night and only two nights
- The tree lighting this Friday will require everyone indoors to wear a mask
- The 150th anniversary of the City Hall Auditorium is being postponed until the spring

Health

- City Case Counts
 - There are 481 open cases
 - There are 31 deaths
 - 138 N/A
 - 6,178 recovered
 - A total of 6,828 cases to date
- Of the open cases, over 1/3 are children
- For Bright Nights a mask will be required on the bus. If someone does not feel well they are being asked to stay home
- Agree the 150th Auditorium event should be postponed
- We continue to encourage vaccines, which are available at pharmacies and they are administering Booster doses as well
- The vaccine does not mean that you cannot get COVID, it just decreases the severity of the infection
- Residents need to continue to wash their hands, wear a mask in crowds, and social distance

Police Department

- We are stable on staff

Fire Department

- Status quo on services and one firefighter out with COVID

Emergency Management

- Status quo on staffing
- The trends in the area and state are not good with increasing infection rates
- As the weather gets colder we are seeing more gatherings indoors and increasing infection rates

Safety

- Status quo on staffing
- There were 114 tests administered on Monday and 22 tested positive for COVID
- We are seeing individuals who were vaccinated getting infected which seems to give individuals a false sense of protection. Vaccinated individuals can get infected but the severity of the symptoms are decreased
- We will look to extend testing beyond January 1st

DPW

- Status quo on staffing and services
- Waiting for one staff member to return to work

COA

- Status Quo on staffing and services
- The December 2nd booster clinic is fully subscribed
- There are two employees out being tested

Human Resources

- Status Quo on services
- Tracking COVID cases

Library

- One staff member tested positive but was not in contact with other employees

Treasurer

- Status Quo