



## 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 8, 2021, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

### Mayor's Office

- The statewide numbers for infections continue to increase in all age categories
- The state had 3,720 new cases which is up significantly from last week
- The state numbers indicated 51 new deaths yesterday which is a large increase from last week
- The state had 1,151 cases in hospitals, with 239 in ICU which is up significantly compared to last week
- The state seven day average positivity remains well above 2% and is high at 4.86%
- Testing is continuing with 76,997 molecular tests reported which brings the cumulative tests to 34,122,857 tests
- Vaccination opportunities are available to residents and we remain at 59% vaccinated
- The group of 20-40 year olds remain the largest group being infected with children 5-14 the next highest group of infections
- We are encouraging vaccinations now as it takes two weeks for the shot to reach maximum potency and that would be the Christmas Holiday season

### Health

- City Case Counts
  - There are 458 open cases
  - There are 31 deaths
  - 138 N/A
  - 6,398 recovered
  - A total of 7,025 cases to date
- We are averaging 30-40 cases a day
- We continue to encourage vaccines, hand washing, wearing a mask, and distancing
- Vaccinations 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 so we are urging testing for the holidays to know your status
- It is more important to know your status for the holidays so you do not spread the virus

### **Police Department**

- We are stable on staffing with no active cases
- One custodian is out under quarantine but had no contacts with members of the PD

### **Fire Department**

- Status quo on services with one firefighter returned and one firefighter out with COVID
- The firefighter had been vaccinated and only has mild symptoms

### **Emergency Management**

- Status quo on staffing
- The trends in the area and state are not good with increasing infections
- Numbers are being monitored to determine if we should go back to mask mandates or other measures

### **Safety**

- Status quo on staffing
- There were 115 tests administered on Monday and 21 tested positive for COVID
- We continue to see individuals who were vaccinated getting infected and surprised with the positive tests
- These individuals have no or only minor symptoms
- We are looking to extend testing beyond January 1<sup>st</sup> but our provider does not want to extend the contract
- We are working on continuing door monitors at the buildings after 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 2<sup>nd</sup> booster clinic was a success with 126 doses administered
- We are looking to hold another vaccine clinic

### **Human Resources**

- Status Quo on services

### **Library**

- Full staffing and services

### **Treasurer**

- Status Quo