



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, February 2, 2022, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

Mayor's Office

- The statewide numbers for infections are decreasing and hospitals are not reporting capacity issues
- Our PCR test site is continuing to see a decrease in the number of individuals being tested
- The state had 2,628 new cases reported which is significantly lower than last week's 7,120 cases
- The state numbers indicated 127 new deaths yesterday which is lower than the 145 deaths reported from last week
- The state had 1,965 cases in hospitals which is a decrease of more than 700 new cases from last week. Of those hospitalizations, there were 307 in ICU which is 92 less than last week indicating a reduction in the rate of ICU cases
- The state seven day average positivity remains well above 4% at 7.13%. This is well below last week's 11.40% positivity rate
- Testing is continuing with 49,034 new test, reduced from 72,564 molecular tests last week and brings the cumulative tests to 39,196,513 tests.
- Vaccination opportunities are available to residents and we remain at 68% vaccinated. Chicopee is at 62% for two doses and we are lagging with booster shots with only 16% receiving boosters
- The group of 20-40 year olds remain the largest group of new cases based upon reports
- N-95 masks are available at pharmacies with three available per family. The city municipal mask mandate will continue

Health

- City Case Counts
 - There are 404 open cases substantially below the 1011 open cases compared to last week. There are 285 cases of individuals 18 and older and 119 cases of individuals less than 18 years old
 - There are 32 deaths
 - 141 N/A
 - 8,794 recovered

- A total of 9,371 cases to date
- This reflects the infection rate moving in the right direction
- We continue to encourage vaccines

Police Department

- We continue services and patrols with three officers out
- We are working the test site which is slowing

Fire Department

- Status quo on services with two firefighters out on COVID leave
- The number at the test center is less and we may reduce days to help coverage and reduce overtime

Emergency Management

- Status quo on staffing
- They agree and feel we may reduce testing to one day, Monday, in two weeks if numbers do not increase

Safety

- Status quo on staffing
- There were 55 tests administered on Monday compared to 84 tests last week, with 11 positive, (20% and three were repeat testers), Tuesday we did not test and had 57 tests administered last week, and so far today there were 32 tests administered.
- The test center is slowing compared to last week which also was slower than the week before
- Based upon demand and staffing we will maintain Monday and Wednesdays this coming week but reduce the testing to Monday only if numbers continue to decrease

DPW

- We are managing to be status quo on services with all employees returned

COA

- Status Quo on staffing and services with everyone reporting to work
- The vaccine clinic at the COA for tomorrow, February 3rd has openings. The clinic will be open from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm with walk-ins accommodated until 1:00 pm. Pfizer and Moderna doses are available for boosters, first or second shots

Human Resources

- Status Quo on services
- The number of COVID leaves requested continues to decrease with only 5 requests down from 11 last week, and down from 25 last week

Library

- There are two staff members out with COVID
- The Fairview Branch reopened on February 1st and the Bookmobile also returned

Treasurer

- Status Quo on services