



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 23, 2022, the following City of Chicopee Departments have reported:

Mayor's Office

- The city continues to see a decrease in infections
- Our city test site is continuing to see a decrease in the number of individuals being tested
- The state had 4,118 new cases reported which includes the weekend and holiday cases
- The state numbers indicated 37 new deaths yesterday which is lower than the 90 deaths reported from last week. The death rate is declining now that Omicron has turned downward in our community
- The state had 573 882 cases in hospitals which is a decrease of over 300 cases from last week. Of those hospitalizations, there were 113 in ICU which is 50 less than last week indicating a reduction in the rate of ICU cases
- The state seven day average positivity remains just below 4% at 2.44%. This is well below last week's 3.09% positivity rate
- Testing is continuing with 185,410 new test, reduced from last week and brings the cumulative tests to 40,617,329 tests.
- Vaccination opportunities are available to residents and we are at 64% for two doses, 71% for one dose and we are lagging with booster shots with only 31% receiving boosters
- The group of 20-40 year olds remain the largest group of new cases based upon reports
- We are watching our numbers and will adjust vaccinations and testing based upon demand and infection rates

Health

- City Case Counts
 - There are 62 open cases, below the 119 open cases last week. There are 52 cases of individuals 18 and older and 10 cases of individuals less than 18 years old
 - There are 32 deaths
 - 141 N/A
 - 9,297 recovered
 - A total of 9,532 cases to date
 - This reflects a declining infection rate

Police Department

- We had our one officer return and no one is out with COVID
- We are working the test site which continues to slow

Fire Department

- Status quo on services with no firefighters out on COVID leave
- The numbers at the test center are decreasing and agree with closing the site soon

Emergency Management

- Status quo on staffing
- They agree with reducing staff at the testing center

Safety

- Status quo on staffing
- There were 33 tests administered last Wednesday which is a decrease from the prior week. Only one test was positive
- There were no tests on Monday due to Presidents day. So far today there were 13 tests administered
- We will only test on Monday the 28th next week and may not test in March
- There is testing at Holyoke Community College, Eastfield Mall, and local pharmacies

DPW

- We have all employees at work
- Agree with reducing the test site to Monday only

COA

- Status Quo with everyone working
- The next vaccine clinic at the COA is scheduled for March 8th

Human Resources

- Status Quo on services
- There are currently no individuals on COVID leaves
- No new leaves were requested this week

Library

- All staff members are reporting to work and none are out with COVID
- The Library is experiencing an increase in patrons with school vacation week
- The Plexiglas barriers are still up at all stations and hand sanitizer is available at locations throughout the library

Treasurer

- Working on FEMA reimbursements
- Recommend closing the testing site as we have five individuals working there and few people getting tested