



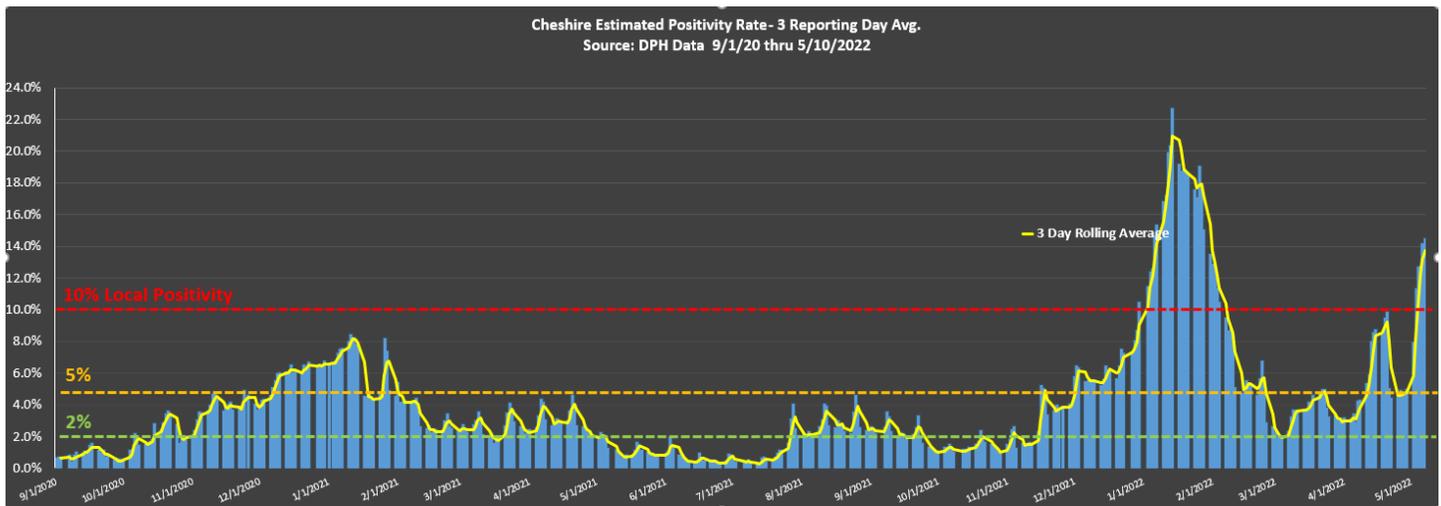
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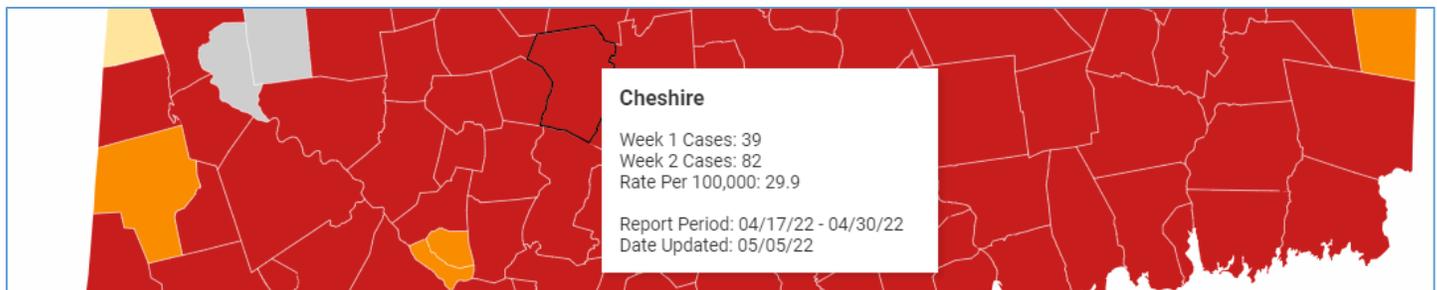
TO: Town Council
FROM: Sean M. Kimball, Town Manager
SUBJECT: Town Manager's Report – May 2022
DATE: May 10, 2022

COVID-19 Pandemic Data

Local COVID positivity rates have risen sharply over the past few weeks although with the increased prevalence of at-home testing, the official reporting data we receive from DPH may be slightly skewed. However, the more-reliable hospitalization numbers have been increasing at the statewide level supporting indicators that there is a significant increase in community spread. As of Monday, May 9th, Cheshire's local estimated positivity rate stands at 14.5% (208 positives in Cheshire out of 1,439 tests and up from 5.3% last month), which is one of the highest levels experienced locally since the beginning of the pandemic, second only to the Omicron peak of 22.7% local positivity. The rolling 3-day average of this reported metric (yellow line) is currently **13.8%** (up from 4.6% last month).



As of May 5th, local case rates in Cheshire have moved from the “Yellow” DPH alert level to the “Red” level with 29.9 daily cases per 100k population (up from 8.6 cases last month).



Chesprocott Vaccine Clinic Dates:

Pfizer Vaccination Clinics (12 year and older-any dose)
May 6 th 9:30 a.m.-1:30p.m.
May 18 th 9:30 a.m.-1:30p.m.
May 20 th 9:30 a.m.-1:30p.m.

Pfizer Pediatric Vaccination Clinics (5 to 11 years of age-any dose)
May 9 th 2:45p.m-5:00p.m.
May 23 rd 2:45p.m-5:00p.m.

COVID-19 Test Kits Available for Residents to Pick Up:

Free COVID-19 test kits are now available for Cheshire residents to pick up at both the Cheshire Public Library and Human Services Department during regular operating hours. One test kit (containing two tests each) per household while supplies last. Please bring proof of residency with you (i.e. driver's license, library card, etc.)

Adopted State Budget:

In addition to the great news on future school construction reimbursement rates for Cheshire, the adopted FY2023 State budget also included funding for various key projects and initiatives for the Town, including:

- \$250,000 in funding for the Bartlem Park South project
- \$200,000 for Cheshire’s Veterans Memorial Improvements
- \$150,000 toward design and construction of West Main Street municipal parking
- \$600,000 in additional funding of the Ball & Socket Arts project

CEDAS 2022 Gold Level Certified Community for Economic Development & Land Use:

The Town of Cheshire has been selected as a 2022 Gold Level Certified Community in Best Practices in Economic Development & Land Use by the Connecticut Economic Development Association (CEDAS). We are very proud of this achievement and are thankful for the hard work of Andrew Martelli, Coordinator of Economic Development, and Mike Glidden, Town Planner, in the submittal of this application.

Memorial Day Parade:

The Cheshire Memorial Day Parade on Sunday, May 29th at 1:30 p.m., will be the 54th annual traditional parade, following the postponement in 2020 and the modified Motorcade parade last year. The Cheshire Park & Recreation Department is seeking final applications for businesses and organizations who would like to participate in the 2022 Parade. Last minute participants can go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CheshireMemorialDayParade2022> to apply or call the Park & Rec Department at 203-272-2743.

Town Engineer Marek Kement:

Town Engineer Marek Kement began working for the Town on Monday, April 25th. Marek is a licensed civil engineer and land surveyor and has worked for Barton & Loguidice (now Anchor) as Senior Managing Engineer since 2013. Previously Marek was a civil engineer and then owner of Sanderson & Washburn Engineering from 1995-2013. Marek was our clear number one candidate following two rounds of interviews, he has a great personality, strong work ethic and a commitment to responsiveness and excellent customer service.

Travelling Vietnam Wall

As a reminder, the Town of Cheshire is proud to be partnering with the Because of the Brave Foundation to bring the Travelling Vietnam Memorial Wall to Bartlem Park June 1st-June 5th. The Travelling Wall is a 3/5 size replica of the Vietnam Memorial that stretches almost 300 feet from end to end. DPW and Recreation worked to identify a location toward the outfield of the softball fields at Bartlem Park. A few key dates to remember:

- June 1st – Ride for the Brave (Wall is escorted from Farmington Polo Grounds to Cheshire arriving approximately 11:15am)
- June 2nd – 10:00am CHS Ceremony; 5:00pm Veterans Dinner; 6:30pm Opening Ceremony
- June 4th – 12:00pm Reading of the 612 Connecticut Names Ceremony
- June 5th – 4:00pm (tentative) Closing Ceremony

Upcoming Town Council & Committee Meetings

Budget Committee Workshop (Full Town Council)

May 25, 2022 at 6pm (Room 207/209)

Budget Committee Workshop (Full Town Council)

June 1, 2022 at 6pm (Room 207/209)

Budget Committee Workshop (Full Town Council)

June 9, 2022 at 6pm (Room 207/209)

Regular Town Council Meeting

June 14, 2022 at 7pm (Council Chambers)