

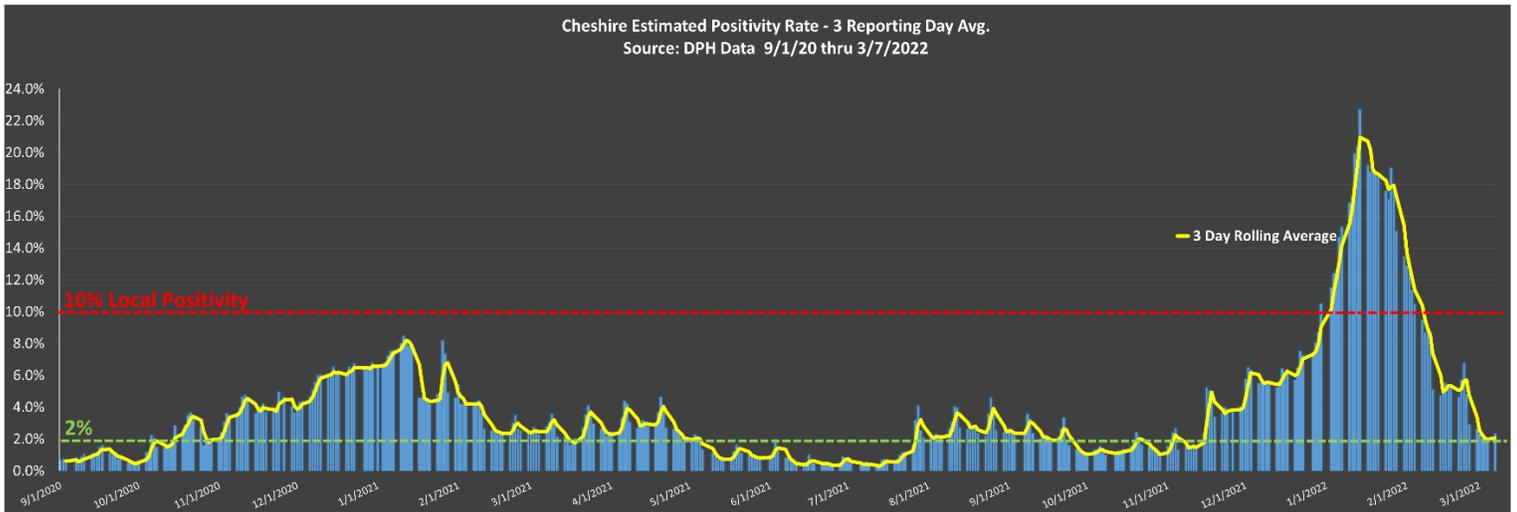


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SUBJECT: Town Manager's Report – March 2022
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COVID-19 Pandemic Data

Local COVID positivity rates for Cheshire have fallen significantly over the past two months, since a peak experienced on January 14th (22.7% local positivity). This is consistent with trends seen statewide as the spike resulting from spread of the Omicron variant subsides. As of Monday, March 7th, our local estimated positivity rate over the past seven DPH reporting days was **2.3%** (57 positives in Cheshire out of 2,514 tests and down from 8.6% last month). The rolling 3-day average of this reported metric (yellow line) is currently **2.1%** (down from 9.5% last month).

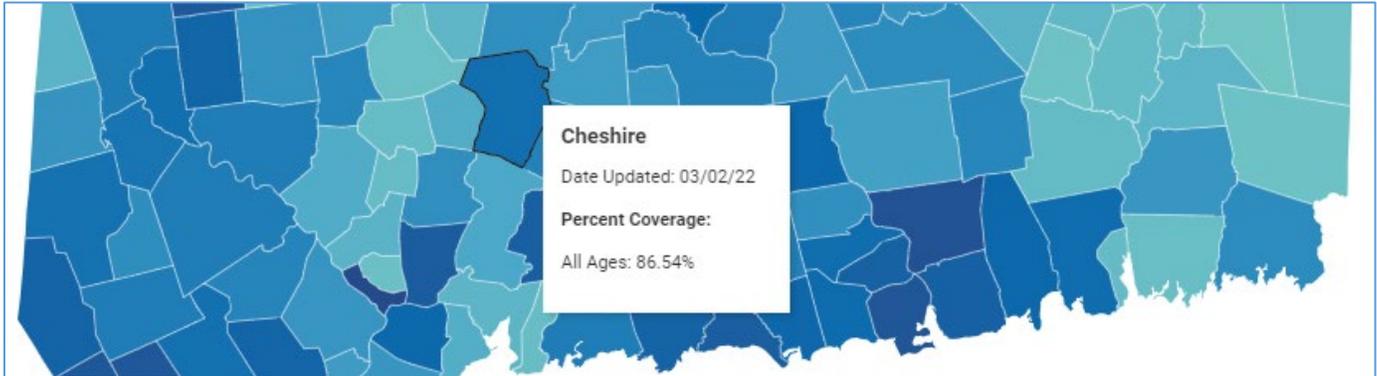


Local case rates in Cheshire have moved from the “Red” DPH alert level to the “Orange” level with 13.1 daily cases per 100k population (down from 95.0 cases last month) as of March 3rd.



To date, 86.54% of Cheshire residents of all ages have received at least one vaccination dose, an increase of 0.80% over last month (85.74).

Percent of Population All Ages Who Have Received at Least One Dose of COVID-19 Vaccination



Masking Policy for Municipal Buildings

Masks are no longer required for employees or visitors to Town of Cheshire municipal buildings. Masks are still encouraged when individuals are working in close quarters or if an individual is experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19. Masks remain required for operators and patrons utilizing the Senior Center Mini-Buses for transportation and for any employee who is recovering from testing positive for COVID-19 when at work on days 6-10 after their positive test.

Testing Locations N95 Masks and Home Test Kits

List of 94 Testing Locations in Cheshire’s Area (DHMAS Region 2):

https://www.cheshirect.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_8580856/File/Government/Town%20Manager/Testing%20Locations%20Region%202.pdf

Hartford Healthcare Testing Locations & Appointments:

<https://hartfordhealthcare.org/health-wellness/coronavirus/testing>

Yale New Haven Health Testing Locations & Appointments:

<https://www.ynhhs.org/patient-care/covid-19/testing/testing-locations>

Economic Development Update

- Counterweight Brewing Company issued Certificate of Occupancy on February 28, 2022. Awaiting details on opening plans.
- IAT Insurance Group submitted major renovation plans for their future location at 1157 Highland Avenue
- Imperial Pools is relocating within Town from a 23,000SF warehouse at 345 McCausland Court to a 58,000SF seven year lease at 611 West Johnson Avenue

- Industrial building at 30 Grandview Court Transferred – New manufacturer to be announced shortly
- Liquor store completing interior fit out at 528 West Main Street
- Marklin Construction relocating business from Hamden to 25 Mansion Road

Memorial Day Parade

The Cheshire Veteran’s Council and Town of Cheshire staff have been meeting to discuss plans for this year’s Memorial Day parade. Tentatively the parade is planned for Sunday, May 29th. Invitations are being sent to past participants along with a public announcement for groups to submit requests to participate. The hope is to return to a traditional parade route unless there is not enough of a response from groups able to participate, in which case a veteran’s motorcade would be planned to travel through town similar to last year. More information will be forthcoming as plans finalize in the coming weeks.

Public Works Recycling Events

Electronics Recycling

The Town of Cheshire is hosting a free **Electronics Recycling Event** on **Saturday, March 19, 2022, from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM** at Quinnipiac Park, 1325 Cheshire Street.

Residents may drop off their electronic recyclables. Acceptable items to recycle include: computers/laptop/printer/keyboard/mouse/monitor; TV/VCR/DVD/remote; telephone/cellphone; fax machine; console; scanners; iPods/PDAs; stereo equipment, camera; tablet/eBooks; small appliances, lightbulbs, game consoles/controllers and batteries.

The following items are NOT accepted: smoke detectors, car batteries, and appliances containing Freon, including AC units, refrigerators, and dehumidifiers. No other waste materials will be accepted.

Due to Covid-19 this will be a contactless drop off. Please have items in your trunk or bed of a truck.

PLEASE NOTE: some items such as computer and related equipment (printers etc.). TV’s and stereo equipment, may be brought to CCRT, 22 Burton Drive, Cheshire, on any Saturday from 8 AM to 1 PM at NO CHARGE. Limit of 7 items per visit.

Mattress Recycling

The Town of Cheshire is hosting a **Community Wide Free Mattress Recycling Event** on **Saturday, March 26, 2022, from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM** at Quinnipiac Park, 1325 Cheshire Street.

Cheshire residents may drop off their mattresses, box springs at no charge. Due to Covid, this will be a contactless disposal.

Items that will *not* be accepted include:

- Mattresses from futons, sofa beds, water beds, car beds, crib mattresses
- Mattresses infested with bed bugs
- Mattresses that are wet, damaged, or excessively soiled
- Sleeping Bags
- Mattress pads, toppers, pillows, bedding
- Furniture, other household items, garbage

This collection is for Cheshire residents only.

Upcoming Town Council & Sub-Committee Meetings

Budget Committee Workshop (Full Town Council)

March 10, 2022 – 6:00pm in Council Chambers

Budget Committee Workshop (Full Town Council)

March 15, 2022 – 6:00pm virtual via Zoom

Budget Public Hearing and

Budget Committee Workshop (Full Town Council)

March 22, 2022 – 6:00pm in Council Chambers

Budget Committee Workshop (Full Town Council)

March 24, 2022 – 6:00pm virtual via Zoom

(Note: May be rescheduled due to scheduling conflict)

Budget Committee Workshop (Full Town Council)

March 29, 2022 – 6:00pm virtual via Zoom

Budget Committee Workshop (Full Town Council)

March 31, 2022 – 6:00pm virtual via Zoom

Budget Committee Workshop (Full Town Council)

April 5, 2022 – 6:00pm in Council Chambers

Budget Public Information Session and

Budget Committee Workshop (Full Town Council)

April 7, 2022 – 6:00pm in Council Chambers

Regular Town Council Meeting

April 12, 2022 – 6:00pm in Council Chambers