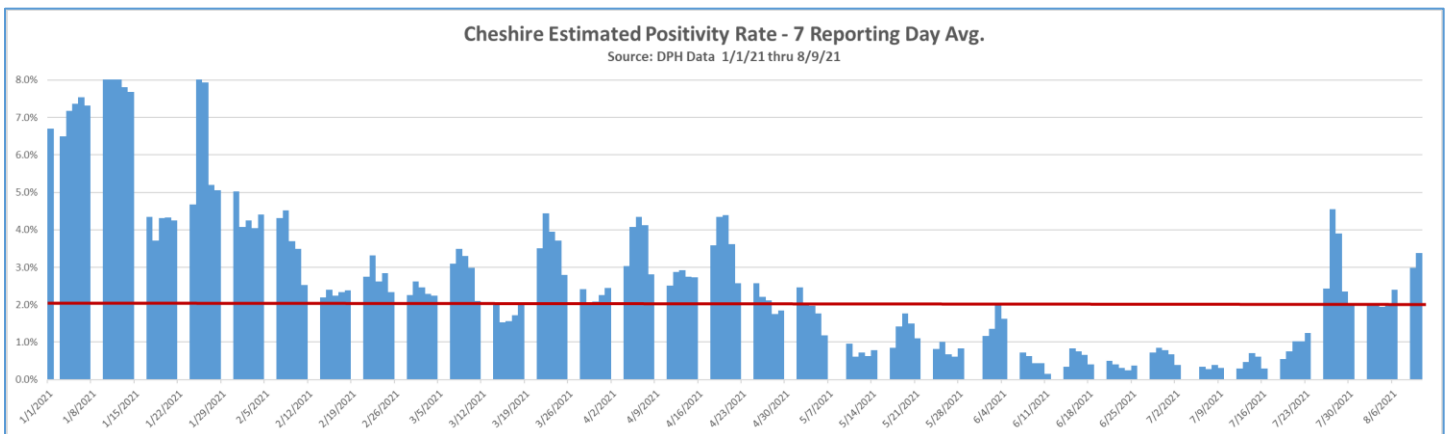


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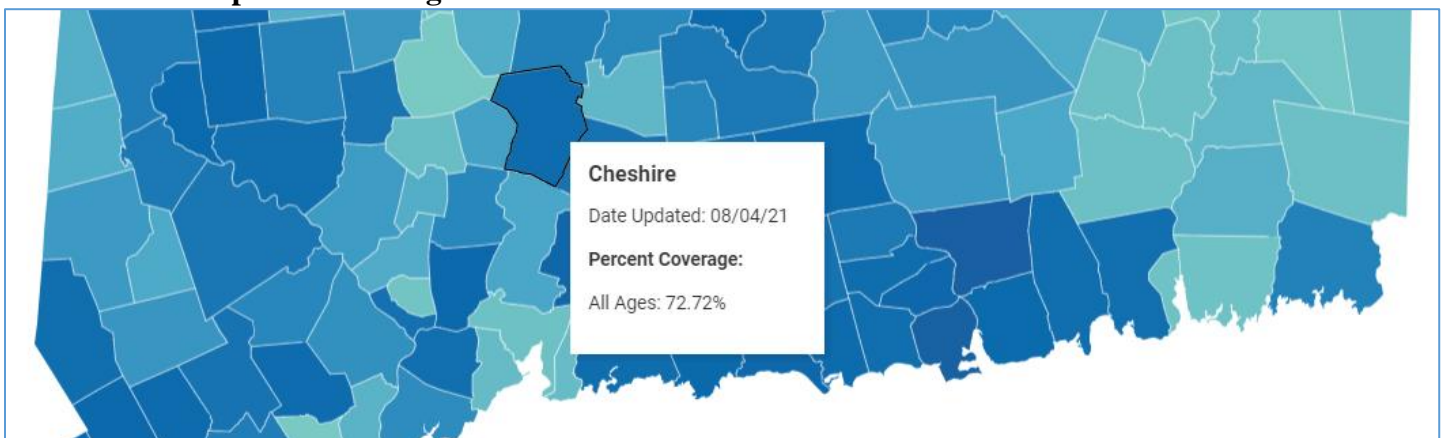
COVID-19 Pandemic Data

The rate of new COVID-19 cases in Cheshire has been increasing over the past month consistent with statewide and national trends largely driven by the Delta variant of the disease. Cheshire’s local positivity rate over the past seven DPH reporting days stands at 3.4% (49 positives over seven reporting days in Cheshire out of 1,453 tests):



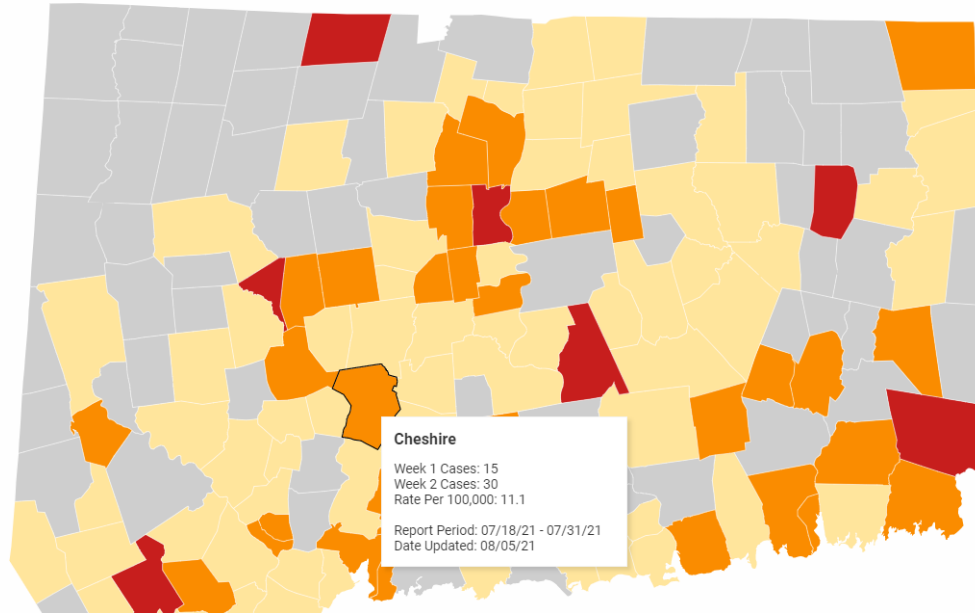
To date, 72.72% of all Cheshire residents have received at least one vaccination dose. Chesprocott continues to hold drive through vaccination clinics open to all ages but particularly targeting students before school resumes later this month. Chesprocott vaccinated 37 eligible school students last week at Thursday’s event at CHS.

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



Cheshire’s recent increase in cases mentioned previously has led to an “Orange” designation on the weekly report of average daily cases per 100,000 population (Cheshire was 11.1 per 100k)

Average Daily Rate of COVID-19 Cases Among Persons Living in Community Settings per 100,000 Population By Town



Masking Policy for Municipal Buildings

Following guidance from our Health Director and in light of the increased trends referenced above, we have implemented a masking requirement for municipal buildings for all individuals effective August 9th until our local metrics improve. Employees and visitors are expected to wear masks in common/public areas and meetings with the exception of private work areas or areas with adequate separation and barriers in place. In summary, the Town of Cheshire’s policy for employees and visitors to municipal buildings is as follows:

Outdoors

Masks are not required, but social distancing is still mandatory.

Indoors

Masks and face coverings are required in all Town buildings and facilities and shared vehicles. Vaccinated employees may remove masks when working in their personal work areas if six feet of distance can be maintained.

Public Visitors

All visitors are required to wear face coverings in all Town buildings and facilities, as are all patrons utilizing public transportation such as Senior Center Minibuses.

Cheshire Police Department Promotion

Congratulations to Tracy Gonzalez on her promotion earlier today to the rank of Sergeant. Tracy has worked for CPD for 10 years, starting as a dispatcher, then starting as an officer at the end of 2013. Tracy is a community-first police officer who engages regularly with the public at local events. She is an excellent member of our incredible police force and a terrific representative of the Town of Cheshire. We congratulate her on her promotion and wish her well in her new leadership role.

2021 Cheshire Fall Festival

The Cheshire Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Cheshire are pleased to be bringing back the incredibly popular Cheshire Fall Festival for 2021. The 33rd Cheshire Fall Festival will be held Friday and Saturday, September 10th and 11th at Bartlem Park. As in past years, this event brings our entire community together to support our local businesses, crafters, farms, orchards, and local non-profits. The celebration begins with Food Truck Friday, followed by festival day on Saturday with booths with local vendors and organizations, a car show, musical performances, incredible fireworks and much, much more.

This year's event will also include a very special memorial recognition of the 20th Anniversary of September 11, 2001. A ceremony with bagpipers and moment of silence is scheduled to be held at 12:00 noon on Saturday.

More information including a full schedule of events and performers can be found at <http://cheshirefestival.com/>.

Bulky Waste & Special Collection Events

As a reminder, a 2021 curbside bulky waste collection is scheduled to begin the week of September 13th. More information including a full list of acceptable and unacceptable items will be released in the coming days.

Additionally, the Town has scheduled the following special collections for certain items not permitted to be disposed in either the regular trash or through a bulk waste pickup:

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal through the Regional Water Authority
(May 22, 2021 through October 30, 2022 - Pre-registration is required)
<https://www.rwater.com/in-the-community/hazwaste-central>

Electronics Recycling Event

Saturday, October 9, 2021, Town Hall Parking Lot 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Mattress Recycling Event

Saturday, October 16, 2021, Town Hall Parking Lot 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Bartlem Beats Summer Concert Series

As a reminder, all Fridays in August will have summer concerts at Bartlem Park, with rain dates the following Tuesday for each. Bring chairs, blankets and pack a picnic and enjoy the show!

August 6 - AM Gold (Yacht Rock)

August 13 - Heavy Hitters (Women of Rock)

August 20 - Capricorn with Bill Calabrese (Allman Brothers Tribute)

August 27 - Jason Ingriselli and the Miles North Band (Country)

Upcoming Town Council & Sub-Committee Meetings

Capital Expenditure Plan Workshop

August 11, 2021 – 6:30 pm

Town Council Regular Meeting

September 14, 2021 – 7:00 pm