Vaccination list expands, but supply is low

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YATES COUNTY—Yates County Director of Public Health Deborah Minor informed the Yates County Legislature Monday, Jan. 11, of the current county COVID-19 status along with the news of two additional deaths over the weekend. Minor, who said both deaths were associated with long-term health care facilities, also asked for patience from the public as it relates to vaccine distribution.

"Everyone wants (the vaccine)," she said, "we were inundated with phone calls, emails and even people coming in person asking for the vaccine and so I am asking people to please be patient." Minor said, "We already administered everything we got last week."

When Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced that front line workers under the classification of 1B could begin to be vaccinted, the supply and demand of the vaccine exceeded the limited rollout. Currently, the state’s 1A classification includes frontline health care workers, long term health care residents and employees and respiratory specialists. 1B includes people 75 and over, first responders and staff like police, fire, corrections, school employees and child care workers, and more.

"It’s a lengthy list of folks, we want people vaccinated but we need people to know it will take weeks," Minor said. "For 1B it is estimated that it will take 14 weeks to get the vaccine to all those folks.

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Gov. Cuomo delivers State of the State annual address

NEW YORK STATE—Despite saying New York state is suffering during the Monday, Jan. 11, State of the State address, Gov. Andrew Cuomo talked about the priorities for the new year he says will help the economy and residents of New York.

With a budgetary shortfall on pace to be in the billions, and COVID-19 still impacting all aspects of business and the government, Cuomo again asked for additional federal government aid.

"New York state pays more to the federal government and receives less than every other state... New York subsidizes 42 other states... so what is the State of the State? New York is suffering, and New Yorkers are tired of being abused and demands that Washington stop causing damage and start (repairing it)," Cuomo said on Monday.

Cuomo mentioned for decades the federal government has used New York to subsidize other states with lower tax rates who in turn advertise to New York businesses to leave.

Cuomo repeatedly blamed the presidential administration in Washington for exacerbating the effects of the COVID

Penn Yan building will get $3M in funds

PENN YAN—The Community Preservation Corporation (CPC) and REI REI LLC, whose principals are Cindy and Vincent Rosato, announced the closing of $1.5 million in construction and permanent financing to rehabilitate Liberty Street Lofts into an eight-unit property with ground floor commercial space in the Village of Penn Yan last week.

Liberty Street Lofts, located at 111 Liberty Street, is an adaptive re-use and rehabilitation that will convert the three-story, former grape storage and processing building into apartments and commercial spaces. The property sits on 0.36 acres of waterfront land, with a first-floor walk-out facing the Keuka Lake Outlet that includes eight boat slips.

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