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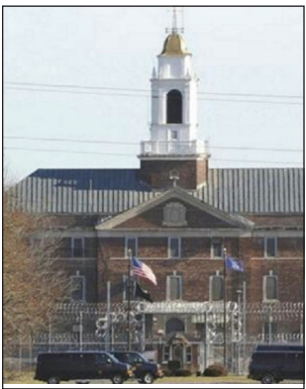| TODAY	TONIGHT	THU
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11 virus deaths in Twin Counties

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HUDSON — Ten COVID-19 deaths in Greene County and one in Columbia County were reported this week in the Twin Counties amid a rising surge of positive virus cases.

About half of all positive COVID cases in the Twin Counties have been reported in the past month.

The seven-day rolling average of positive COVID tests in Columbia County is 7.3% as of Jan. 10 and the 14-day rolling average is 7.5%, according to the state COVID testing dashboard.

In Greene County, the seven-day rolling average of positive COVID tests is 10.6% and the 14-day rolling average is 11.2%.

On Monday and Tuesday, the Greene County Public Health Department announced there had been 11 new COVID-related deaths. Since the beginning of the pandemic, Greene County has reported 49 deaths from the virus. On Aug. 31, the Public Health Department reported 19 COVID-related deaths from the beginning of the pandemic in mid-March and there were no virus deaths in September and October in the county. Three deaths were reported in November and December each.

January has seen 21 COVID-related deaths in Greene County as of Tuesday.

The Columbia County Department of Health announced Monday one more COVID-related death. Monday's death is the 54th virus death in the county and the fifth since the beginning of the year. During the spring, the county had 38 COVID-related deaths from the beginning of the pandemic to June 9.
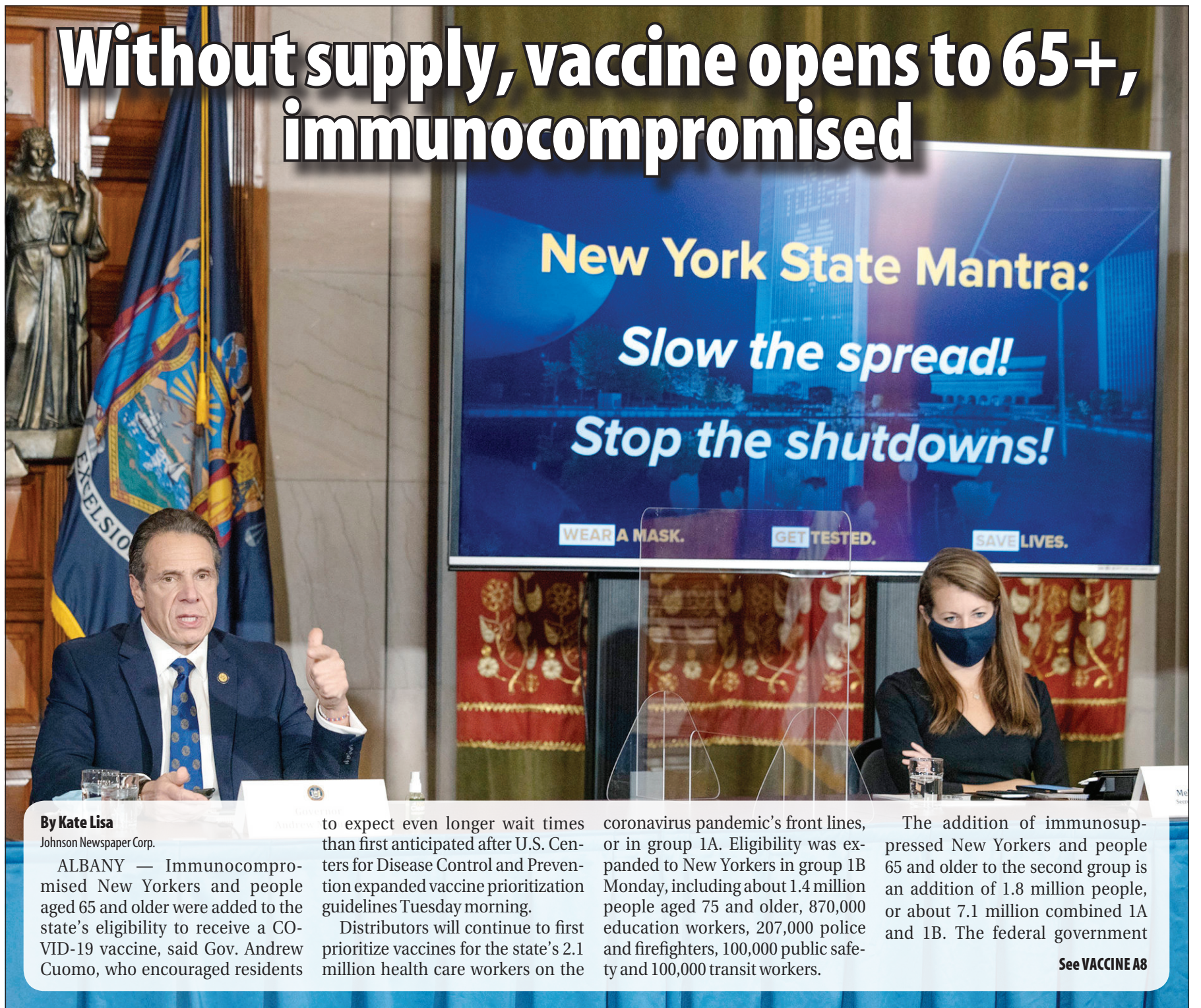
Over the summer, the Department of Health did not report any additional COVID-related deaths until Oct. 14. Columbia County had five COVID deaths in October, four in November, three in December and as of Jan. 11, there have been five virus deaths so far since the beginning of the year.

The Columbia County Department of Health has reported 2,217 positive COVID cases since the beginning of the pandemic. The department has reported 1,087 of

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> "I don't see it ending anytime soon, but I do expect our daily numbers to start dropping as we get farther away from New Year's. I think what's happened is its gotten a pretty good hold in the community we'll probably still see daily cases in the high twenties and thirties."
>
> — Jack Mabb, Columbia County Department of Health director

Without supply, vaccine opens to 65+, immunocompromised

New York State Mantra:
Slow the spread!
Stop the shutdowns!

WEAR A MASK. GET TESTED. SAVE LIVES.

By Kate Lisa
Johnson Newspaper Corp.

ALBANY — Immunocompromised New Yorkers and people aged 65 and older were added to the state's eligibility to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, said Gov. Andrew Cuomo, who encouraged residents to expect even longer wait times than first anticipated after U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention expanded vaccine prioritization guidelines Tuesday morning.

Distributors will continue to first prioritize vaccines for the state's 2.1 million health care workers on the coronavirus pandemic's front lines, or in group 1A. Eligibility was expanded to New Yorkers in group 1B Monday, including about 1.4 million people aged 75 and older, 870,000 education workers, 207,000 police and firefighters, 100,000 public safety and 100,000 transit workers.

The addition of immunosuppressed New Yorkers and people 65 and older to the second group is an addition of 1.8 million people, or about 7.1 million combined 1A and 1B. The federal government

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Courtesy of Gov. Andrew Cuomo's Office
Gov. Andrew Cuomo, left, and Secretary to the Governor Melissa DeRosa during a COVID-19 briefing in the state Capitol in Albany on Dec. 18.

Delgado introduced articles of impeachment

By Natasha Vaughn
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HUDSON — U.S. Rep. Antonio Delgado, D-19, co-sponsored the article of impeachment against President Donald Trump introduced in Congress on Monday.

Delgado is one of over 200 representatives to call for the president's impeachment following the failed Jan. 6, insurrection at the U.S. Capitol while Congress was in the process of certifying results from the November election.

"On January 6, the President incited a violent insurrection of the Capitol while Congress sought to uphold its constitutional duty to certify election results," Delgado said in a statement. "Today, I joined more than 200 of my colleagues in introducing an article of impeachment against President Trump. Protecting our democracy from ongoing threats requires swift action."

The resolution was introduced Monday and calls for the impeachment of the president for high crimes and misdemeanors.

Delgado is one of 15 New York representatives to co-sponsor the article of impeachment as of Monday.

The article of impeachment states Trump incited an insurrection against the U.S. government and that before the joint session of Congress on Jan. 6, he repeatedly issued false statements calling the election results fraudulent and stating they should not be accepted by the American people or be certified by state or federal officials.

The article goes on to say Trump made these false

File photo
U.S. Rep. Antonio Delgado, D-19

claims to a group of people at The Ellipse, a park south of the White House in Washington D.C., prior to the start of the joint session where he repeated false claims that, "We won this election, and we won it by a landslide."

Statements made by the president, such as, "If you don't fight like hell you're not going to have a country anymore," incited people in the crowd to attempt to interfere with the certification of the election results, vandalize the Capitol, injure and kill law-enforcement personnel and menace members of Congress, the vice president and congressional personnel, and engage in other violent, deadly, destructive and seditious acts, according to the article of impeachment.

The resolution also states Trump attempted to subvert and obstruct the election certification during a Jan. 2, phone call where the article states Trump urged the secretary of state of Georgia, Brad Raffensperger, to "find" enough votes to be able to overturn Georgia's presidential election results and threatened Raffensperger if he did not comply.

The resolution states these actions by Trump endangered U.S. security and its institutions. Trump has "demonstrated that he will remain a threat to national security, democracy and the Constitution if allowed to remain in office and has acted in a manner grossly incompatible with self-governance and the rule of law," according to the resolution.

Impeachment and removal from office would disqualify Trump from holding office in the future, according to the resolution.

Delgado also supported impeachment of Trump in 2019. The Senate did not vote to convict in that case.