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TODAY	TONIGHT	THU
Mostly sunny and mild	Increasing cloudiness	A shower in the afternoon
HIGH 55	LOW 45	68

Complete weather, **A2**

SPORTS



Sanchez could have a good year

Sanchez is being built up as a possible MVP candidate by his teammates.

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Reward upped for Nathan

The reward for arrest and prosecution of the owner of an abandoned dog is raised to \$2,000

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State burn ban goes into effect

The state's ban on open burning will go into effect later this month to prevent brush fires

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New manual, training for police

File photo
The Coxsackie Police Department is looking to build relationships and programming, particularly for youth, as part of the department's reform plan.



By Sarah Trafton
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COXSACKIE — Village lawmakers adopted the reform and reinvention plan Monday for the Coxsackie Police Department.

The plan was developed in response to a state executive order in June requiring all municipalities with a police agency to conduct a review of policies and procedures and develop a plan to improve them in a way that will address the needs of the community.

Coxsackie's plan include implementing the Lexipol Manual and conducting training on the new manual, which Police Chief Samuel Mento said is considered the industry standard.

"Overall, you get a better functioning police department and more safeguards, too," Mento said.

The department will add diversity training to its requirements and provide de-escalation and mental health awareness training for officers who do not receive it at another law enforcement agency.

"We're essentially trying to enhance our training with Lexipol, training on cultural diversity, how to deal with an agitated individual and use of force," Mento said.

Another goal outlined in the plan is to increase the agency's involvement with the community.

In the long-term, the police

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NY expands vaccines to 60-plus, gov't and nonprofit workers



Courtesy of Gov. Andrew Cuomo's Office

Gov. Andrew Cuomo speaks at the mass COVID-19 vaccination site at the New York State Fairgrounds in Syracuse late Tuesday morning.

By Kate Lisa
Johnson Newspaper Corp.

SYRACUSE — New Yorkers ages 60 and older and government employees, nonprofit workers and essential building service workers can start to sign up for appointments to get vaccinated against COVID-19 on Wednesday, officials said.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced vaccine eligibility was expanding to more New Yorkers because of increased vaccine supply during a briefing late Tuesday morning at the New York State Fairgrounds in Syracuse.

"New York is marching forward expanding access to the COVID-19 vaccine, addressing underserved communities and getting shots in arms as we turn the tide in the fight against this virus," Cuomo said

Tuesday. "Supply is steadily increasing and we're opening new vaccination sites and expanding eligibility to match it. New Yorkers over 60 years old and those who serve their fellow New Yorkers in the public sector are more vulnerable to COVID-19, and we're addressing that vulnerability by providing access to the vaccine."

Government employees who interact with the public, nonprofit workers and essential building service workers are eligible to book vaccine appointments starting March 17, including public works employees, social service and child service case workers, government inspectors, sanitation workers, DMV workers, county clerks, building service

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Confusion emerges about quarantine guidance



By Sarah Trafton
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One month after the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced that fully vaccinated people are exempt from quarantine, local health departments are unable to modify their quarantine process, officials said.

Fully vaccinated individuals, according to the CDC, are people who received their last vaccination at least two weeks ago. These individuals can visit with other fully vaccinated people indoors without masks or social distancing, visit with unvaccinated people from a single household who are low-risk without masks or social distancing and can refrain from quarantine and testing after being exposed as long as they do not have symptoms.

"Unfortunately, at this point, New York state has not yet adopted this policy," according to a statement from Greene

County Public Health. "We are required to receive written guidance from the state before we are able to follow through with this new process. No other county in New York state should be following this guidance yet, either. We expect to see these changes come through at some point over the next week. As soon as New York adopts this new policy, we will let you know."

Greene County Legislature Chairman Patrick Linger, R-New Baltimore, said questions about the policy have come up.

"There is some confusion around recent travel testing and quarantine requirements and quarantine requirements of those who are fully vaccinated announced by the governor," Linger said in a statement. "County health departments are licensed by New York state Department of Health, not the governor. Until New York state

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Vaccination rates are on the rise, but guidance from state and federal officials remains unclear, local officials said.