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Unpaid school taxes rise in 2020

taxes are down.

CATSKILL — The amount of unpaid taxes owed to local school districts in 2020 is higher than the

previous year, but unpaid village

County lawmakers approved two resolutions last week authorizing the relevy. The school districts are owed the original tax, plus a 2% late fee, while vil-

throughout November when late taxes are collected. Once the taxes are relevied, an additional 5% fee is added, bringing the total interest due the county to 7%.

"The school tax relevy countywide in 2020 is \$7.7 million," Real Property Tax Director Ray Ward said. "Last year's school tax relevy was \$7.3 million."

The amount of school unpaid

county added its own 2% late fee last year, Ward said.

The value has fluctuated from year to year, with \$7.3 million in 2019, \$7.1 million in 2018 and \$6.8 million in 2017 and 2016.

More analysis would be needed to determine how much fluctuation is normal and if the pandemic is having an impact, Ward said.

The town of Hunter had the most significant change from

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School taxes owed by town Ashland.....\$159,412 Athens.....\$683,934 Cairo. \$755,514 Catskill.....\$1,921,951 Coxsackie.....\$583,974 Durham....\$425,287 Greenville.....\$417,530 Halcott.....\$52,578 Hunter.....\$977,283 Jewett.....\$252,355

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Source: Greene County Treasurer's Office

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strain of the novel coronavirus was recently discovered in the

Gov. Andrew Cuomo first made the request for U.K. pre-boarding COVID tests Sunday, as thousands of airline passengers land in John F. Kennedy and LaGuardia international airports in the

state each day on various British Airways, Virgin Atlantic and Delta flights.

British Airways and Delta Airlines agreed Monday to require travelers to test negative for the novel coronavirus before boarding flights to New York state as scientists announced a new, highly

contagious strain of COVID-19 spreading through the U.K. that Prime Minister Boris Johnson has said is 70% more transmissible than earlier variants of the dis-

British Airways and Delta added

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Courtesy of Gov. Andrew Cuomo's Office Gov. Andrew Cuomo speaks about requiring travelers from the United Kingdom to receive a negative coronavirus test before arriving in New York during a COVID-19

Vaccine handling unclear in Twin Counties

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ALBANY — Two international

airlines will require passengers

from the United Kingdom to show

a negative COVID-19 test before

flying to New York state, adding

the state to a list of 120 countries

after a new, highly contagious

HUDSON — New York has begun to distribute COVID-19 vaccine doses, but it is unclear yet how inoculations will be handled in the Twin Counties.

briefing in the state Capitol on Monday.

New York state was given an initial 170,000 doses of the COVID vaccine manufactured by New York City pharmaceutical company Pfizer.

"The only thing we've heard out of the 170,000 is what came to the Capital Region," said Jack Mabb, director of the Columbia County Department of Health. "It was about 8,000 doses given to the Capital Region and I know 975 of those went to Albany Med, but we haven't heard anything more than that."

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vaccine doses will be distributed locally, the availability of a vaccine is good news, Greene County Legislature Chairman Patrick Linger, R-New Baltimore, said Monday.

"I think everybody is happy to see the vaccines coming," Linger said. "Obviously if we can protect our

vulnerable population that will go a long way towards bringing some of these numbers down."

New York state opted into the federal government's program, Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program, for COVID-19 vaccination. Under the federal program, employees of

CVS, Walgreens and other select pharmacies will vaccinate residents and staff in long-term care facilities including nursing homes, similar to how they do for the flu vaccine, according to the

state's COVID-19 vaccine website. "The way the vaccine is going to work is the federal government will be responsible for the procurement and the distribution," Gov. Andrew Cuomo said earlier this month. "The military is doing the transportation with private companies, and they will send it where we ask them to send it. We then set the priorities for not only where it goes, but who gets it. The first allocation is for nursing home residents, nursing home staff and high-risk health care workers. We've identified 90 regional centers

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