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Polar vortex to hit Elmira, Corning

What to know about frigid forecast

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Chemung County and the region are in line for one of the coldest weekends of the winter, according to weather forecasters.

A polar vortex is set to push arctic air southward across much of the United States, bringing below-freezing temperatures, winter storm conditions and

heightened health risks.

The National Weather Service Office in Binghamton said the cold blast may necessitate cold weather advisories or extreme cold watches and warnings.

Temperatures in Corning are forecast to plunge into negative territory on Friday, Jan. 16 and Saturday, Jan. 17, with only a mild reprieve expected on Sunday. Elmira will be only slightly warmer, with low temperatures of 2 degrees on Friday and 5 degrees on Saturday currently in

the forecast.

Windchills will make it feel even colder.

The National Weather Service said Friday's high temperature will be about 24, while Saturday's high is expected to only climb to 11 degrees.

There is a small measure of relief in the forecast for Sunday on the temperature side, with an expected low of 9 and a high temperature of 16 degrees.

There is also a 50% chance of snow on Saturday and an 80% chance on Sunday in Elmira.

What is a Code Blue in New York state?

Code Blue is a New York state-mandated emergency protocol activated to protect homeless individuals from extreme winter weather.

Cold Blue is triggered when the National Weather Service forecasts temperatures, including wind chill, to drop below 32 degrees for at least two consecutive hours.

In Elmira, Catholic Charities of

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New York Governor Kathy Hochul visits with children at Day One Early Learning Community in the City of Poughkeepsie on Jan. 14. Hochul announced a pilot program to expand day care for children under the age of 5 in Broome, Dutchess and Monroe Counties. PATRICK OEHLER/POUGHKEEPSIE JOURNAL

TIOGA COUNTY, PA.

1 dead after house fire in Union Township

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One person is dead following a residential fire in southeastern Tioga County, Pennsylvania.

Shortly after 11 p.m. Jan. 15, units from the Canton Fire Department responded to a reported structure fire at 13149 state Route 414 in Union Township, according to Pennsylvania State Police at Mansfield.

Arriving fire personnel confirmed the structure was fully engulfed in flames and were also advised of an entrapped occupant, state police said.

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Hochul budget hikes NY spending but not taxes

5 takeaways from governor's proposal

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New York would hoist spending on child care, schools and Medicaid and absorb federal funding cuts without raising taxes under a \$260 billion budget proposed by Gov. Kathy Hochul.

Hochul laid out the spending plan Jan. 20, with a \$1.7 billion increase for expanded child care as the centerpiece of her push to curb New Yorkers' high living costs. Her presentation and set of budget bills marked the opening of discussions with lawmakers on a budget for the fiscal year that starts April 1.

Buoyed by Wall Street earnings that

have driven up income tax collections, New York can afford a child care boost and continue yearly increases in school aid and Medicaid, Hochul declared with her budget. And it can do so despite cuts from Washington, D.C., that are forcing the state to pay \$3 billion more for Medicaid alone, she said.

"This is not an austerity budget, but it is a disciplined one," Hochul said at the Capitol in Albany. "We're continuing to invest in core services that New Yorkers rely on, while keeping the growth of state operating funds at a responsible level."

The 10 bills that make up Hochul's proposal now go to the Legislature for review — a weeks-long process that entails hearings, separate counter-proposals from each chamber, then closed-door talks with Senate and Assembly leaders before lawmakers vote on the final bills. That is all supposed to play out

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before April 1 but often goes longer. Last year's budget was enacted on May 9, 39 days into the new fiscal year.

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Supreme Court justices weigh Fed's independence

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's attempt to control the Federal Reserve was met with skepticism from the Supreme Court, including conservative jurists, on Jan. 21 as the justices debated a case that could have major consequences for the nation's economy.

The court's conservatives — three of whom were appointed by Trump during

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