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**REMINDER: OCEAN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL
CONTINUE ITS POST-SANDY OUTREACH AT THE BERKELEY
TOWNSHIP RECREATION FROM FRIDAY TO SUNDAY**

“We are reminding Berkeley residents that the Ocean County Health Department (OCHD) will be continuing its outreach to its communities affected by Superstorm Sandy this weekend (Friday, August 9 through Sunday, August 11, from 10AM to 2PM), at the Berkeley Township Recreation Building, 630 Route 9, Bayville. The Health Department will distribute information and provide tetanus boosters in the form of Tdap,” said Berkeley Mayor Carmen Amato.

Mayor Amato continued, “The Health Department has been extremely involved in the recovery and response efforts after the storm and have been alternating sites throughout Ocean County for the past few months to offer residents and visitors Tdap vaccinations in addition to offering residents and visitors packets of information including *Mold Guidelines for New Jersey Residents*, other information related to mold and West Nile Virus, Safe Swimming Guidelines, OCHD Services, N95 masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer, Prescription Drop-Off locations and a listing of important hotlines for information in addition to getting a tetanus booster.

Daniel E. Regenye, OCHD Public Health Coordinator, said, “The OCHD has been providing Tdap vaccinations to first responders immediately after the storm and then began offering the Tdap vaccination, at no cost, to those affected by the storm. It is extremely important that people be vaccinated against tetanus before they begin or continue to clean up debris.”

Regenye added, “Staff at the Health Department continue to monitor the after effects of “Sandy” throughout the county and have been working closely with each municipality to address unmet needs. We are receiving numerous calls regarding mold and confusion on what to do about removal, etc. Increased mosquito breeding environments are another concern of the Health Department due to the change in topography, remaining debris, and drainage issues. We continue to look at the questions we receive and design our outreach to meet these needs.”

Ocean County Freeholder Gerry P. Little, Liaison to the Ocean County Board of Health, said, “The OCHD continues to offer its resources to any municipality, organization or civic event that would like to have the OCHD outreach vehicle along with a Public Health Nurse and staff to answer any questions and provide tetanus boosters. Staff is also available to attend municipal or organization meetings to discuss storm-related topics such as mold, etc.” Interested parties should contact 732-341-9700, ext. 7224.

You can find updated “Sandy” information on the Ocean County Health Department website at www.ochd.org or follow the Health Department on Twitter@OCpublichealth.

