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OCEAN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND UMDNJ OFFERING MOLD AWARENESS PROGRAMS FOR HOMEOWNERS

“The Ocean County Health Department (OCHD), working with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) will be hosting 2 seminars on mold awareness for homeowners and residents,” said Ocean County Freeholder, Gerry P. Little, Liaison to the Ocean County Board of Health. The two programs, times, and dates are:

Saturday, May 4, 2013
Stafford Municipal Building
260 Bay Avenue, Manahawkin
9:30AM – 12:30PM

Saturday, May 11, 2013
Ocean Beach First Aid Building
Kittywake Avenue, Ocean Beach (just north of Lavallette)
9:30AM – 12:30PM

Daniel Regenye, OCHD Public Health Coordinator, said, “This class is geared to homeowners that may be dealing with mold issues after Superstorm Sandy. We know that many homeowners may be opening their homes for the first time since the storm and their safety is of utmost concern to us. The goal of this program is to provide mold awareness and general safety procedures to homeowners when dealing with post hurricane/flood clean-up issues.”

Leslie Terjesen, OCHD Public Information Officer said that topics at these programs include:

- *Awareness of mold
- *Safe work practices
- * Personal protective equipment
- *Respiratory protection
- *Best practices for remediation

- Terjesen added that at the end of the program, homeowners should be able to:
- * Identify how and where to look for mold in their home.
 - *Understand how to protect themselves when cleaning up mold.
 - *Understand the types of personal and respiratory protection needed to protect themselves.
 - *Know what questions to ask mold remediation contractors.

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- * Understand clean-up procedures for mold and understand other environmental and safety issues that may be present when cleaning up after a hurricane/flood.

Residents can register for the program at <http://ophp.umdj.edu/moldtraining> or call Terjesen at 732-341-9700, ext. 7224. You can also visit the Ocean County Health Department's website at www.ochd.org for other safety information related to the storm.

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