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**ADDITIONAL HURRICANE RESOURCES FROM THE NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OFFERED ON OCEAN COUNTY HEALTH
DEPARTMENT WEBSITE**

“The Ocean County Health Department Website at www.ochd.org offers a link to many additional Hurricane Recovery Resources from the New Jersey Department of Health, including two radio interviews with N.J. Commissioner of Health Mary O’ Dowd,” said Daniel E. Regenye, Ocean County Health Department (OCHD) Public Health Coordinator. These audio public service announcements provide information on mold education and encourage volunteers, contractors, and homeowners doing recovery work to protect their health by wearing protective gear such as gloves, boots, and goggles. In addition, many other important resources can be downloaded.

“Listening to the New Jersey Health Commissioner’s radio interviews on mold and worker safety reinforced many of the steps the OCHD has been taking in the hurricane recovery process,” said Ocean County Freeholder Gerry P. Little, Liaison to the Ocean County Health Department. “In addition to offering Sandy-related information on their website since the storm hit, the OCHD has been offering tetanus vaccinations to first responders and emergency workers and is encouraging anyone who is entering a home for the first time or cleaning up debris to get a Tdap vaccination, wear gloves and boots, N-95 masks, and have hand sanitizer available. The personal safety of our residents re-entering homes and areas that had been off-limits, is extremely important.”

Regenye added, “We are constantly updating our website with information and telephone numbers for recovery information. There are also telephone numbers on the OCHD website for those who may be distressed due to the storm. You can call the New Jersey Hotline, which provides assistance regarding mental health issues through a toll-free help line at 1-877-294-HELP and the federal government helpline that offers 24/7 crisis counseling and support resources at 1-800-985-5990.”

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