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**OCEAN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFERS FREE TETANUS
BOOSTERS AND LITERATURE AT SUPER STOP & SHOP,
POINT PLEASANT BEACH, JUNE 14-16**

“The Ocean County Health Department (OCHD) is reaching out to the Ocean County community, once again, in its continued response to Superstorm Sandy,” said Ocean County Freeholder Gerry P. Little, Liaison to the Ocean County Board of Health. This coming weekend (June 14-16, from 10AM to 2PM), the outreach vehicle will be at the Point Pleasant Beach Stop and Shop, 505 Richmond Ave. (Rt. 35 South) to distribute information and provide tetanus boosters in the form of Tdap. We will also be joined on Friday morning at 10AM by the New Jersey Commissioner of Health, Mary O’Dowd. Commissioner O’Dowd has been working diligently with each county in their Sandy recovery efforts since the storm occurred.”

Freeholder Little continued, “The Health Department has been extremely involved since day one in the recovery and response efforts after the storm. At each of the sites, residents and visitors can receive packets of information including *Mold Guidelines for New Jersey Residents*, other 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.

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. In planning this outreach effort, we have noticed that many homes are just opening up for the first time this season and many have not been opened at all. In addition, 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.”

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.

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