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## **OCEAN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT CONTINUES SANDY OUTREACH IN OCEAN TOWNSHIP (WARETOWN), AUGUST 23-25<sup>TH</sup>**

“The Ocean County Health Department (OCHD) continues to provide free tetanus boosters and mold information to residents affected by Superstorm Sandy and will be providing this outreach next weekend, Friday, 8/23 to Sunday, 8/25 from 10AM to 2PM at the Ocean Township Municipal Complex, 50 Railroad Avenue, Ocean Township (Waretown),” said Ocean County Freeholder Gerry P. Little, Liaison to the Ocean County Board of Health.

Freeholder Little 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 Tdap vaccinations and 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 reached out and offered tetanus vaccinations immediately after the storm to first responders and residents in every municipality knowing how important it was that anyone cleaning up debris should be vaccinated against tetanus. In addition to this specific outreach to residents, the OCHD coordinated mold awareness classes for residents and professionals.”

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. 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](http://www.ochd.org) or follow the Health Department on Twitter@OCpublichealth.

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