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**OCEAN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFERS FREE TETANUS
VACCINATION AND MOLD INFORMATION AT
BRICK'S TRADER'S COVE AUGUST 16-18**

“The Ocean County Health Department (OCHD) is continuing to provide free tetanus vaccination and mold and other storm-related information, this coming weekend at Trader’s Cove on Mantoloking Road in Brick. The OCHD outreach vehicle will be there from 10AM to 2PM on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 16-18th. We know that many people are still in the process of cleaning up their property after the storm and it is important that people are protected against tetanus in case they sustain an injury while cleaning up debris,” commented Ocean County Freeholder Gerry P. Little, Liaison to the Ocean County Board of Health.

Daniel Regenye, OCHD Public Health Coordinator, said, “We have been providing this service to areas affected by Superstorm Sandy since the storm made landfall in October and have vaccinated hundreds of people with the Tdap vaccine. Before we began this community outreach campaign, we offered Tdap vaccinations to first responders in every municipality beginning right after the storm.”

This vaccine not only protects you against tetanus, but also diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough). Residents will also receive a packet containing *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.

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.

