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## **Christie Administration Announces Department of Health Hotline to Answer Questions About Food/Water Safety, Cleaning and Mold Removal**

**Trenton, NJ** - To help New Jersey residents as they cleanup their homes and businesses after Hurricane Sandy, the Department of Health today is making public health experts available through the state's 2-1-1 system to answer questions about food and water safety and mold removal.

To reach health experts, call 2-1-1 or 1-866-234-0964. Public Health officials will be available to take calls 8 am to 8 pm on weekdays and 10 am to 5 pm on weekends. The 2-1-1 human services hotline is open 24/7.

"The devastation across our state is unprecedented and the process of cleanup has just begun. During this difficult time, many New Jersey residents will have questions about food and water safety as well as mold cleanup efforts and we want to help," said Health Commissioner Mary E. O'Dowd.

Health experts can answer questions about personal health and safety concerns; cleaning and mold removal; carbon monoxide concerns and food and drinking water safety.

Additional information on shelters, the application process for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and social service is available at <http://www.nj211.org/hurricane.cfm>.

Additional information about hurricane and flood recovery is available at [www.state.nj.us/health/er/natural.shtml](http://www.state.nj.us/health/er/natural.shtml).

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