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**DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER OPENS IN BERGEN COUNTY**

Residents and Small Businesses can Apply for Disaster Relief In-Person

**(HACKENSACK, NJ)** – Bergen County Executive Jim Tedesco, the Board of County Commissioners, and Bergen Community College announce the deployment of a Disaster Recovery Center in Hackensack to assist residents and businesses with applying for Federal disaster relief. The center has representatives from FEMA and the U.S. Small Business Administration on hand to handle applications in-person.

The Disaster Recovery Center is located on the first floor of the Bergen Community College Philip Ciarco Jr. Learning Center, at 355 Main Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601. The Disaster Recovery Center will be open **Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.** until further notice. Parking is available on Berry Street.

Bergen County residents and businesses sustaining losses as a result of Hurricane Ida are eligible to apply for Federal disaster relief after the County received major disaster declaration from President Biden last week. Assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses, and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster.

**Bergen County residents and business owners can also apply for disaster relief directly by visiting [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov), by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362), or 1-800-462-7585 (TTY) for the hearing and speech impaired.** The toll-free telephone numbers will operate from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. (local time).