



Daily Message

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Acting Governor DiFrancesco Requests Emergency Aide

For more NJHA information see: [N.J. Hospitals Respond to Trade Center Disaster](#).

Acting Governor Donald DiFrancesco requested emergency federal assistance as a result of the terroristic attacks upon the World Trade Center in a letter dated Sept. 14, 2001. In the letter directed to the President, the Acting Gov. said,

"...The outrageous acts of terrorism perpetrated in New York City have and continue to take a significant and substantial human and financial toll on the State of New Jersey. New Jersey residents make up a significant number of the employees in the World Trade Center and represent a substantial number of the direct casualties. On September 11, 2001, I declared a State of Emergency and activated our Emergency Operations Center to provide needed services as quickly as possible. Specifically I have dispatched our State Police to assist the federal authorities at Newark Airport and the Port Authority Crossings and have placed our National Guard on alert. Thousands of volunteers and employees from New Jersey have assisted in the evacuation and rescue efforts and have provided much needed supplies and emergency back-up to those working on the front lines in New York City. Our mass transit system has devoted the majority of its resources to transporting victims out of the city to area hospitals and makeshift relief centers and in transporting rescue volunteers into the city. On September 12, 2001, I personally toured the scene in Manhattan and Northern New Jersey and saw first hand the devastation and tremendous support and assistance being provided. I pledge to continue New Jersey's efforts to help in any way possible for as long as is necessary. There is no question that these tragic events have severely taxed the resources of this State and I certify that the severity and magnitude of this event exceeds the capability of New Jersey to handle without assistance and that supplementary federal emergency assistance is necessary.

In accordance with 44 CFR 206.208, I am specifically requesting direct federal assistance for work and services to save lives and protect property, search and rescue, emergency medical care, emergency shelter, and the provision of food, water, medicine and other essential needs, including the movement of supplies or persons as you deem warranted and in consultation with authorized representatives of the State to the extent practicable. I am also requesting Individual Assistance Temporary Housing, Individual and Family Grant Program, Disaster Unemployment Assistance Public Assistance, Hazard Mitigation, Small Business Administration disaster loans, crisis counseling and any other relief assistance that is available.

I certify that for this major disaster, the State and local governments will assume the applicable non-Federal share of costs required by Public Law 83-288, as amended..."

NJHA ESTABLISHES FUND TO ASSIST NEW JERSEY VICTIMS OF WORLD TRADE CENTER TRAGEDY

The New Jersey Hospital Association has established a special fund to aid New Jersey's victims of the World Trade Center disaster and their families.

The **New Jersey Hospital Association Disaster Victim Support Fund** will be used to offer financial and social service support to Garden State residents victimized by Tuesday's tragedy. Officials at the Federal Emergency Management Agency estimate that up to half of the World Trade Center casualties may be from New Jersey.

"The toll in New Jersey will obviously be high, and when the full extent is known, virtually everyone in our state will know a family that has lost a loved one," says NJHA President and CEO Gary Carter. "This fund will be used to help our neighbors and contribute to their healing." Donations to the fund are tax-deductible.

Contributions may be mailed to the NJHA Disaster Victim Support Fund, 760 Alexander Road, Princeton, NJ 08543. Checks should be made payable to the Health Research and Educational Trust of New Jersey, with "Victim Support Fund" noted in the "memo" line.

LOCATING FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Search for N.J.'s World Trade Center Disaster Victims Handled by N.J. Hospitals

<http://www.njha.com/html/njresponse/search.html>

The information contained in this database has been provided by hospitals in New Jersey. Individuals can key in the name of a missing individual. The database search will report back if the individual was treated in a New Jersey hospital and whether they were released or admitted. This site contains information from New Jersey Hospitals only.

Anyone seeking information about a person in the World Trade Center disaster may use the searchable database above for names of patients treated at N.J. hospitals or contact the N.J. Hospitals Patient Information/Victim Search HotLine at 201-915-2782. This N.J. hospitals hotline has been established by the Jersey City Medical Center in cooperation with New Jersey Hospital Association and the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services. You may also contact the N.Y. City's Missing Person Hotline at 212-560-2730.

NJHA's Mental Health Counseling Support Resources

Listing <http://www.njha.com/html/njresponse/pdf/DM-0914.pdf> providing N.J. hospital contact information for facilities offering counseling or support.

Emergency Disaster Contacts

- "The Network of American Red Cross chapters is available to help find information regarding family members affected by the disaster. All inquiries should be directed to your local American Red Cross chapter." To find your local chapter use: [Find Your Local Red Cross locator.](#)
- Missing Persons Hotline 212-447-2998
- Saint Vincent's Hospital family information 212-604-7285
- Firefighter, fire offices and EMS personnel 718-999-2541

Pentagon personnel

- Army 800-984-8523 or 703-428-0002
- Navy and Marine personnel 877-663-6772
- Air Force personnel 800-253-9276

World Trade Center businesses

- Morgan Stanley 888-883-4391
- Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield 866-761-8265
- Aon Risk Services 866-256-4154

- Port Authority 973-565-5505, 5506, or 5507

Blood Donations

- American Red Cross 800-GIVE-LIFE
- New York Blood Center 800-933-2566
- Red Cross Hotline 215-299-0134
- New Jersey local chapters (see list below)

Other Donations

- Catholic Charities USA 800-919-9338

For information on helping victims

- United Way of New York City
- American Red Cross cash donations 800-HELP-NOW
- Salvation Army cash donations 800-SAL-ARMY
- United Way of New York and the New York Community Trust have established a fund to help victims and their families. Donations may be sent to: United Way 2 Park Avenue New York, New York, 10016, 212-251-4035.

Reporting information about the crimes

- FBI Web site

Victim Assistance

- Mental Health help-line 212-604-8220
- U.S. Dept. of Justice Family Assistance Center Victims Hotline 800-331-0075
- Stranded Travelers

Airline Information

Family, friends who want to check on passengers and flights may call:

- American Airlines Hotline 800-245-0999
- United Airlines 800-932-8555

Government Contacts

- New York City information 212-560-2730

- The following offices may be reached at 800-331-0075
FBI
U.S. Department of Justice
U.S. Dept. of Justice Family Assistance Center Victims Hotline
Office of Victims of Crime

To: New Jersey Hospitals

NJHA has been in contact with numerous agencies assisting in the treatment of casualties of the tragedy in New York City. Following is an update of the latest information. NJHA will keep you posted with additional updates.

- **Slowdown in Casualties** – The state Department of Health and Senior Services reported that 500 patients were diverted to New Jersey hospitals yesterday. No further patient activity is reported for today. Many of the victims yesterday were ferried to a triage site at Liberty State Park

and treated on-site; the hundreds of others were treated at hospitals in North and Central Jersey.

- **Blood Donations Must Be Paced** – DHSS is urging hospitals collecting blood to shift to a “sustain and maintain” strategy. The rush of emergency donations is raising concerns that blood inventories in the coming days and weeks may suffer. Hospitals are urged to stagger collections and pace the blood supply. Hospitals with additional questions may contact NJHA’s Mary Marchetta at 609-275-4119 or mmarchetta@njha.com.
- **State Conducts Tetanus Inventory** – DHSS is asking hospitals to assess their tetanus inventory and report back via e-mail at marilyn.dahl@doh.state.nj.us. The state has received a corporate donation of tetanus doses and needs this information to distribute it appropriately.
- **Overwhelmed by Volunteer Response** – The New York Governor’s Office issued a statement yesterday saying the state has heard from an overwhelming number of healthcare professionals willing to volunteer in the treatment of casualties. At this point, all staffing demands have been met and the state is no longer seeking volunteers. NJHA will update members if the situation changes and will forward contact information if a need for volunteers arises.
- **Hotline List Compiled** – NJHA has compiled a list of important hotlines (above), including numbers for victim assistance and locating individuals.
- **Constant Communication with New York** – NJHA continues to maintain close contact with the Greater New York Hospital Association and the Hospital Association of New York State. NJHA will continue to update members about our coordinated emergency assistance efforts.

NJHA will continue to forward regular updates to members throughout the day. Updates also will continue to be posted at <http://www.njha.com>

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment.

**Blood Donation Sites Overwhelmed;
Citizens Urged to Give Blood in Coming Days**

New Jersey residents have responded to the disaster at the World Trade Center in great numbers, most notably rushing to donate blood. Their concern is well appreciated and greatly needed; however, by late Tuesday hospitals and blood centers across the state were reporting they were inundated with donors and could not handle more at the current time. The need for blood will continue for several days and even weeks, not only to treat those injured in the trade center disaster, but also to replenish New Jersey’s regular blood supply. NJHA and the state Department of Health and Senior Services are urging residents to contact one of the New Jersey blood centers listed here to schedule a donation or to call your local hospital in advance to arrange a donation.

American Red Cross/Penn Jersey Region
1-800-GIVELIFE (1-800-448-3543)
Bergen Community Blood Center
970 Linwood Avenue
Paramus, New Jersey 07652
1-201-444-3900
Blood Center of New Jersey
45 South Grove Street
East Orange, New Jersey 07018
1-800-433-6522
Central Jersey Blood Center
494 Sycamore Avenue
Shrewsbury, New Jersey 07702
1-732-842-5750
Community Blood Council of New Jersey

1410 Parkside Avenue
Ewing, New Jersey 08638
1-609-883-9750
NBAH Blood Center
Clinical Academic Building
125 Paterson Street
New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901

1-732-937-8594

Miller Memorial Blood Center
1465 Valley Center Parkway
Bethlehem, PA 18017

1-800-223-6667

New Jersey Blood Services/ New York Blood Center Division

167 New Street

New Brunswick, NJ 08901

1-800-933-2566