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**Hurricane Ian update from Lee County – medical services and support during Hurricane Ian recovery**

Fort Myers, FL, Oct. 3, 2022 – Lee County and its partners have updates related to medical services and support during the aftermath of Hurricane Ian. New medical treatment sites are becoming available as state and federal healthcare resources are mobilizing to offer medical services.

**Urgent care:**

A Mobile Health Clinic is set up at Estero Recreation Center, 9200 Corkscrew Palms Blvd., Estero. The clinic is currently open 24 hours a day providing urgent care services. Additional locations are expected to open in the coming days, please visit [www.LeeGov.com/Storm](http://www.LeeGov.com/Storm) for updates.

The Mobile Health Clinics will operate much like traditional urgent care facilities, which handle the types of medical problems that are not emergencies but do need treatment right away. Situations that are appropriate for urgent care include: dehydration, small cuts that may require stitches, sprains and strains, wheezing or shortness of breath, fever without a rash, vomiting or persistent diarrhea, abdominal pain, moderate flu-like symptoms.

The county also encourages residents to check Lee Health's website for the status of its urgent care clinics and information on when they will reopen. Visit [www.LeeHealth.org](http://www.LeeHealth.org) for that information.

**Field hospital:**

A Mobile Field Hospital containing 100 beds and an emergency department located at the Edison Mall in the former Sears building is open for services. This facility will serve the general public, providing diagnosis and treatment of a variety of issues routinely seen at traditional hospitals. Residents should continue to call 911 in the event of a life-threatening emergency.

**Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) update:**

Disaster Medical Assistance Teams (DMAT) are mobilizing two additional locations to support the healthcare system in Lee County. Lee Memorial Hospital and the Cape Coral Hospital will be the first two locations to open services on Wednesday. This will allow residents quicker access to emergency services, such as overflow from the Emergency Room. As already stated, residents should continue to call 911 in the event of a life-threatening emergency.

**Additional information and updates from Lee County:**

It's anticipated further medical services will be mobilized throughout the response efforts. Check [www.leegov.com/storm](http://www.leegov.com/storm)

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