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WHEN DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS CLOSE, HELP IS A PHONE CALL AWAY

Centers to close this week in Bertie, Cumberland, Robeson and Wake counties

RALEIGH, N.C. – Disaster Recovery Centers that were opened within days of the April 16 tornadoes will be closing this week. A mobile unit will continue to serve areas for short-term stays where additional service needs have been identified.

The centers are staffed by N.C. Emergency Management and Federal Emergency Management Agency recovery specialists and U.S. Small Business Administration representatives to provide in-person help for people who want to register for disaster assistance, check on their applications, complete disaster loan applications or learn about ways to rebuild safer and stronger to reduce the impact of future storms.

“We will continue reaching counties where help is still needed with FEMA’s mobile units with an eye on the June 20 deadline to apply for disaster help,” said Doug Hoell, the state’s Director of Emergency Management. “Keep in mind a visit to a recovery center is an option, not a necessity. You can call the FEMA helpline at 800-621-3362.”

FEMA’s mobile unit will make three-day stops in Sampson, Lee and Bladen counties through June 2.

The Bertie, Cumberland, Robeson and Wake centers will close at 5 p.m. Thursday, May 26. Until then, they are open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily at the following locations.

<u>Bertie County</u>	<u>Cumberland County</u>	<u>Robeson County</u>	<u>Wake County</u>
Colerain Community Building 106 W. Academy St. Colerain, NC 27924	Department of Social Services, 1 st Floor Conference Room D 1225 Ramsey St. Fayetteville, NC 28301	Former Department of Social Services Building 435 Caton Road Lumberton, NC 28360	Chavis Heights Community Center 505 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Raleigh, NC 27601

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Dates and times for the short-term centers – the mobile unit – are as follows:

<u>Sampson County</u>	<u>Lee County</u>	<u>Bladen County</u>
Sampson County Human Services 360 County Complex Road Suite 200 Clinton, NC 28329 Noon to 7 p.m. Tuesday May 24 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 25 and Thursday May 26	McSwain Agricultural Center 2420 Tramway Road Sanford, NC 27332 Noon to 7 p.m. Friday, May 27 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 28, and Sunday, May 29	Powell Melvin Ag Building 450 Smith Circle Elizabethtown, NC 28337 Noon to 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 31 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Wednesday, June 1 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday, June 2

Those whose homes or businesses were affected by the April 16 storms and tornadoes can continue to call FEMA at **800-621-FEMA (3362)** to register for disaster assistance, check application status and update contact or insurance company information. A Federal Emergency Management Agency representative is available at the toll-free number from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week. Help is available in most languages. People who are deaf or hard of hearing may call **TTY 800-462-7585**.

Applicants can also register online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or with a web-enabled mobile device smartphone. Visit m.fema.gov and follow the link to “apply online for federal assistance.”

For more information about this disaster, go to www.nccrimecontrol.org and click on the red “April Tornadoes” tab. More information is also available at www.fema.gov.

FEMA’s housing assistance and Other Needs Assistance grants for medical, dental, and funeral expenses do not require individuals to apply for an SBA loan. However, applicants who receive SBA loan applications must submit them to SBA to be considered for assistance that covers personal property, vehicle repair or replacement, and moving and storage expenses. Applicants who do not qualify for a SBA loan may be eligible to receive Other Needs Assistance grants for these items.

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