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REQUEST TO TEMPORARILY EXTEND QUARANTINE AT THE FORT APPROVED
FMERA Will Still Issue Golf Course RFOTP This Summer To Advance Redevelopment Effort

OCEANPORT (June 18, 2015) – Following a request from the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS) and in accordance with the state's Ebola preparedness plan, a small section of property on the Fort will continue to serve as a quarantine for asymptomatic, out-of-state travelers exposed to the Ebola Virus Disease through September 15, 2015. Under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between DHS and the Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Authority (FMERA), these individuals would have access to the residences on the Megill Housing site.

"The continuation of this potential use poses no threat to the community; the site would only be used to house, asymptomatic, out-of-state travelers for a maximum of 21 days. Individuals actually exhibiting Ebola symptoms would be brought to the hospital, not the Fort," said DHS Acting Commissioner Elizabeth Connolly. "As a matter of course, the State will first work to find safe and suitable transportation for asymptomatic individuals to return to their home states; the Fort Monmouth site would be used only if that is not possible. To date, Fort Monmouth has not been utilized for quarantine."

FMERA Executive Director Bruce Steadman emphasized that the brief extension of the MOU will not delay FMERA's plans to market and redevelop this part of the Fort.

Steadman noted that FMERA will be issuing a Request for Offers to Purchase (RFOTP) for the golf course in mid-July, along with the 10 acres at the center of the property, envisioned as a hotel conference center. Tours of the property will commence in mid-September. FMERA uses the RFOTP process to competitively sell Fort Monmouth property.

"We are confident that this short-term extension will not affect FMERA's RFOTP process for the golf course," Steadman said.

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