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Media Advisory

Changes Coming for Lee County Disaster Recovery Centers

LAKE MARY, Fla. – Two Disaster Recovery Centers in Lee County will be closing permanently at 6 p.m. on Friday, March 10.

The locations are:

Pine Island at the Phillips Community Park, 5675 Sesame Dr. in Bokeelia **Sanibel Community Church**, 1740 Periwinkle Way in Sanibel

To continue to help survivors, Mobile Disaster Recovery Centers will be making stops on Pine Island. Dates, times, and locations will be announced as they are confirmed.

Although the deadline to apply for assistance for damage from Hurricane Ian has passed, survivors who were affected by Ian can still contact FEMA to:

- Get help understanding your FEMA decision or request for information letters.
- Check the status of your FEMA application.
- Update your contact or banking information.
- Get information about help with rental assistance or other basic needs.
- Get referrals to agencies or non-profits that may offer assistance FEMA is not able to provide.

You can go online to <u>disasterassistance.gov</u> or call the FEMA helpline at 800-621-3362. The line is open every day from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. ET. Help is available in most languages.

Hurricane Ian survivors can also call the FEMA Mitigation Line to speak with mitigation specialists about protecting your home and property from future natural disasters. The number is 833-336-2487 and is available Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. EST.

For the latest information on Florida's recovery from Hurricane Ian, visit <u>floridadisaster.org/info</u>or <u>fema.gov/disaster/4673</u>. Follow <u>FEMA Region 4 (@femaregion4) / Twitter</u> and at <u>facebook.com/fema</u>.

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All FEMA disaster assistance will be provided without discrimination on the grounds of race, color, sex (including sexual harassment), sexual orientation, religion, national origin, age, disability, limited English proficiency, economic status. If you believe your civil rights are being violated, you can call the Civil Rights Resource line at 833-285-7448.