

Governor Murphy Announces Partnership With Uber and Lyft to Provide Ride Service to Residents Who Lost Transportation as a Result of Tropical Storm Ida

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TRENTON – Governor Phil Murphy today announced a partnership with rideshare companies Uber and Lyft in conjunction with United Way Worldwide and NJ 211 to provide access to free and discounted rides to New Jersey residents who lost a personal vehicle as a result of Tropical Storm Ida.

Over the next two weeks, New Jersey residents who lost a vehicle and need help accessing essential services can text NJIDARIDE to 898-211 to request a Lyft or Uber ride. Those without access to a smartphone can dial 2-1-1 from any phone line.

“In the aftermath of Tropical Storm Ida, we must come together as a community and pick one another up,” **said Governor Murphy**. “I want to thank both Uber and Lyft for their generous offer of transportation for New Jerseyans in need.”

“Nobody should have to worry after a natural disaster how they will get to essential places like the grocery store and medical appointments. Lyft is proud to join Governor Murphy in helping New Jerseyans get where they need to go until they can get back on their feet,” **said Lyft Social Impact Director Lisa Boyd**.

“It is critical that everyone come together to support those in need and we are proud to work with Governor Murphy to provide essential transportation services across the state. We hope to play a small role in helping New Jersey residents get back on their feet,” **said Alix Anfang, spokesperson, Uber**.

“NJ 211 continues to answer the call for help from those impacted by Tropical Storm Ida. Over 1,000 contacts have been handled since the storm hit. We are thrilled to partner with Lyft and Uber to provide this essential service to our residents,” **said Melissa Acree, Executive Director of NJ 211**.

Some limitations may apply to the transportation offerings available from each company, so riders can contact 211 for additional information.

Tropical Storm Ida produced massive flooding throughout New Jersey, leaving thousands of residents without basic needs such as housing and transportation. Governor Murphy has declared a State of Emergency, which will facilitate access to federal relief aid. In the short term, the state has made available \$10 million to help small businesses with rent payments as they recover from the storm. On Monday, the governor announced FEMA has approved a Major Disaster Declaration in Bergen, Gloucester, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Passaic, and Somerset counties, with more assessments and additional counties expected to be included as the process develops. The declaration allows individuals in the six approved counties to register at <http://www.disasterassistance.gov/> for direct assistance for Ida-related recovery, which may include home repairs, temporary housing, low-cost loans, and other programs to help recover from the effects of the tropical storm.

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