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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Emergency Industry Notice #5

Monday, September 17, 2011

TLC FREE EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION SERVICE PROGRAM A SUCCESS! PROGRAM CHANGES EFFECTIVE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th

The free passenger service offered by the taxicab and for-hire vehicle industries and coordinated by the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission has proven immensely successful, offering over 1,000 free rides to families and those in need.

As any successful program must evolve, the following changes will be effectuated immediately. The taxicab/for-hire vehicle stand located in the vicinity of the Lexington Avenue Armory (Lexington Avenue and 26th Street) will eventually be dismantled due to the relocation of the Family Assistance Center to Pier 94. At the present, to serve this location, volunteers are instructed to form a queue on the East Side of 12th Avenue between 50th and 51st Streets. They will then be dispatched upon demand by Taxi & Limousine Inspectors to the passenger pick-up location at 55th Street and 12th Avenue.

The two sites serving blood donation centers (located at the East Side of 2nd Avenue between 66th & 67th Streets and the West Side of Amsterdam Avenue between 66th & 67th Streets) will remain in service until further notice, as will the hospital sites mentioned in our previous emergency notice.

Please refer to the attached table for complete details of the staffed sites and their hours of operation.

The Taxi & Limousine Commission is available to assist in any way possible. Our Uniformed Services Tour Desk is staffed 24 hours a day to receive inquiries and to provide information. The Tour Desk is reachable at (718) 267-4555.