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Dear Legislators:

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding the reopening of the Bedford Driver License Center in Bedford County.

On September 2, 2021, the Bedford Driver License Center, located at 137 Bedford Plaza Road, Route 30, Bedford was closed as a result of extensive flooding due to remnants of Hurricane Ida. The location was significantly damaged by flooding and water levels of up to eighteen (18) inches were estimated within the facility. This resulted in a near total loss of electronic equipment and furniture and required extensive remediation efforts, water damage cleanup, restoration, and construction. Construction included but was not limited to removal and replacement of interior walls, insulation, doors, flooring, electrical and network components. New furniture and replacement electronic equipment was procured and installed.

The Bedford Driver License Center is a travel team covered by staff at the Somerset Driver License Center. Upon the temporary closure of the Bedford Driver License and during restoration efforts, the team remained in Somerset five (5) days weekly to expand service availability.

I am, however, happy to report PennDOT is planning the reopening of the Bedford Driver License Center on Friday, November 19, 2021.

PennDOT is committed to ensuring we are doing everything possible to serve the residents of Pennsylvania related to their driver license and identification needs. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 717.787.5574 or Kurt J. Myers, Deputy Secretary, for Driver and Vehicle Services, at 717.705.1000.

Sincerely,

Yassmin Gramian, P.E.
Secretary of Transportation