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**DOH PALM BEACH REMINDER
HAVE A SAFE AND HEALTHY HALLOWEEN**



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Persons of all ages who are going to participate in costumes and celebrate Halloween at street festivals, trick or treating, fright nights and more, The Florida Department of Health in Palm Beach County is reminding all to have a safe, healthy and Happy Halloween. Everyone should be aware that disease-carrying mosquitoes may be present especially at dusk and using an insect repellent containing DEET on your costumes is a good protective barrier against mosquito bites.

In recent weeks the Department's sentinel chickens have tested positive for West Nile Virus. These chickens act as an early warning system to let people know when mosquito borne diseases are present. Persons are then reminded to take the necessary precautions against mosquitoes biting and being exposed to the disease.

Additionally, the CDC provides the following tips for a SAFE HALLOWEEN

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Swords, knives, and other costume accessories should be short, soft, and flexible.

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Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.

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Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.

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Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them. Limit the amount of treats you eat.

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Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you. walk and don't run from house to house.

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Always test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent possible skin and eye irritation.

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Look both ways before crossing the street. Use crosswalks wherever possible.

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Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing [decorative contact lenses](#).

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Only walk on sidewalks whenever possible, or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.

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Wear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.

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Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.

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Enter homes only if you're with a trusted adult. Only visit well-lit houses. Never accept rides from strangers.

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Never walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.

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