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**URGENT MOSQUITO MESSAGE  
PALM BEACH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**Palm Beach County, FL—Health Department Director Jean M. Malecki, M.D. is strongly urging all county residents and visitors to take the necessary precautions against mosquito bites.**

**Mosquito control has advised that current conditions are favorable for continued increases in mosquito populations and this weekend should see a marked increase due to hatchings following Hurricane Jeanne.**

**Residents should take the following precautions;**

**Wear long sleeves shirts and long pants especially when out at Dusk and Dawn**

**Use insect repellent containing DEET**

**Drain any standing water around the house**

**Repair screens around the house and business,**

**There have been over 35 cases of confirmed West Nile Virus in the State of Florida this year.**

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