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## **MEDIA UPDATE -- CORRECTION**

**FORT WALTON BEACH** -- The Okaloosa County Health Department (OCHD) has received notification that the horse recently testing positive for Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) is located in Walton County, not Okaloosa.

Despite this information, the OCHD still encourages county residents and tourists to take precautions to protect themselves from mosquito-borne illnesses using the 5 D's:

### **Dusk and Dawn**

Avoid being outdoors during dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are seeking a blood meal.

### **Dress**

Wear clothing that covers skin

### **DEET**

Wear a mosquito repellent containing a 30% concentration of DEET if you are going to be exposed to mosquitoes. Most bottles or cans of repellent will list their concentrations of DEET, but you can double-check by looking for either "N, N-diethyl-meta-toluamide" or "N, N-diethyl-3-methylbenzamide" in the ingredients list.

**Exception:** It is not recommended to use DEET on children less than 2 months old. Infants should be kept indoors or mosquito netting used over carriers when mosquitoes are present.

### **Drainage**

Check your home to rid it of standing water in which mosquitoes can lay their eggs (specific steps listed below).

For more information on mosquito-borne diseases, please visit DOH's Environmental Health web site <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/environment/community/arboviral/index.html>, the CDC web site [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov), call the West Nile Virus Hotline at 1-888-880-5782, or contact your local county health department. Additionally, information on arboviruses can be found at the FDACS web site, <http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/ai/>.

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