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DOH-ST. JOHNS REMINDS FLORIDIANS AND TOURISTS TO BE SAFE AND HEALTHY THIS SPRING BREAK



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St. Augustine, Fla. – In March, spring break season is in full swing in the Sunshine State, and the Florida Department of Health in St. Johns County (DOH-St. Johns) is providing spring breakers with health and safety reminders.

“With Florida being one of the biggest tourist destinations every year for spring break, it’s important to plan ahead for an enjoyable vacation,” **said State Surgeon General Joseph A. Ladapo.** “Whether staying active by exploring Florida’s great parks and beaches or enjoying the nightlife, the Department reminds Floridians and tourists alike to stay safe and healthy this spring break.”

Wherever your travels may take you, be prepared when it comes to your health before, during, and after a trip. DOH-St. Johns recommends the following safety tips:

- Prepare a health kit that includes your prescriptions and over-the-counter medicines, a first aid kit, insect repellent, and a broad-spectrum sunscreen (SPF 15 or higher) that protects against both UVA and UVB rays.
- Stay hydrated and seek shade.
- Protect yourself from the sun with a broad-spectrum sunscreen (SPF 15 or higher) and protective clothing.
- Avoid bug bites and wear insect repellent.
- Designate a sober driver or plan to use a transportation service to get home safely.
- Exercise caution during water activities.
- Check water quality status at beaches by visiting the Protecting Florida Together [Water Quality Dashboard](#).

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