

### West Nile Virus:

Last Friday, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) announced the fifth human case of West Nile virus (WNV) in a Massachusetts resident this year. The individual is a male in his 70s who was likely exposed in Hampden County.



The risk of human infection with WNV is moderate in the Greater Boston area (Middlesex, Norfolk, and Suffolk counties), and in parts of Berkshire, Bristol, Hampden, Hampshire, Plymouth, and Worcester counties. No risk level changes are associated with this recent case.

To read the full press release from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, [click here](#).

### Halloween Safety Tips:

To help you and your loved ones enjoy a safe and happy Halloween, here are a few of tips from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



- In case of a food allergy, check the label to ensure the allergen isn't present. Tell children not to accept — or eat — anything that isn't commercially wrapped.
- Parents of very young children should remove any choking hazards such as gum, peanuts, hard candies, or small toys from the Halloween bags.
- Avoid food or treats that aren't commercially wrapped.
- Inspect commercially wrapped treats for signs of tampering, such as an unusual appearance or discoloration, tiny pinholes, or tears in wrappers. Throw away anything that looks suspicious.
- Please drive slowly and cautiously, with your full attention on the road to keep trick-or-treaters safe. Learn more: <http://safekids.org/halloween>

To read all of the Halloween tips from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, [click here](#).

An infographic titled "HALLOWEEN DRIVING SAFETY TIPS". It features a purple background on the left with a yellow car and a yellow beam of light. On the right, there are three circular icons: a boy with a jack-o'-lantern, a speedometer with a downward arrow, and a cell phone with a slash through it. Text next to each icon provides safety advice. At the bottom, it says "Be safe, be seen, have fun this Halloween! • Injury Prevention & Control Program".

**HALLOWEEN DRIVING SAFETY TIPS**

- Be extra alert for children crossing the street, intersections, at medians or walking in driveways.
- Slow down for pedestrians, especially around neighborhoods, crosswalks, and driveways
- Avoid using cell phones while driving. Safely pull over if you need to text or make a phone call

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