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DOH-MARTIN ENCOURAGES FLORIDIANS TO BE PREPARED AHEAD OF TROPICAL STORM NICOLE'S LANDFALL

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Martin County, FL—In response to Tropical Storm Nicole, the Florida Department of Health in Martin County (DOH-Martin) is working to support local and state response efforts to protect public health during severe weather conditions.

- DOH-Martin has a variety of [resources](#) in English, Spanish, and Creole to help residents prepare including [boil water notices](#), [carbon monoxide / generator safety](#), [electrical safety](#), [flood water safety](#), and more.

To ensure Floridians are prepared for Tropical Storm Nicole, DOH-Martin is reminding communities of the following:

- Severe weather can impact your access to local utility services and potable water. Know when your water is safe to consume by viewing [statewide boil water notices](#).
- Gather any [supplies](#) you may need to keep your loved ones safe and healthy before and after the storm. Have enough [prescriptions on-hand](#) in case pharmacies experience closures.
- Listen to local authorities regarding [evacuations](#). Don't return home until local officials notify you it's safe to do so.
- [Never wade or drive through flooded areas and standing water](#). Turn around, don't drown. Beware of downed powerlines, electrocution is possible.
- If you have any open wounds, regardless of exposure to floodwaters, clean all wounds with soap, disinfectant, or bottled water. If you sustain a wound or deep cut, seek medical attention as soon as possible. Ask your doctor if you need a tetanus booster.
- Prevent [carbon monoxide poisoning](#). Place your generator and any gasoline-powered engine outside at least 20 feet from any window, door, or vent.

DOH-Martin encourages Floridians to cooperate with local and state officials and to remember that adequate preparedness is the best way to help mitigate negative effects of a storm.

For community information visit: <https://www.martin.fl.us/Hurricane> or call the **Community Information Line:** 772-287-1652.

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