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DOH-Broward Issues Mosquito-Borne Illness Advisory

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Broward, Fla. — The Florida Department of Health in Broward County (DOH-Broward) is informing residents of a confirmed human case of locally-acquired dengue fever. DOH-Broward and Broward County Mosquito Control are coordinating surveillance, prevention, and control efforts.

Dengue can present as a flu-like illness with severe muscle aches and joint pain, fever, and sometimes a rash. Usually, there are no respiratory symptoms. Symptoms of dengue will appear within 14 days after being bitten by an infected mosquito. Dengue fever is not contagious but is transmitted by the bite of an infected *Aedes aegypti* mosquito.

DOH-Broward reminds the community to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes by taking these [basic precautions](#).

- Wear protective clothing to prevent mosquito bites. Wear loose-fitting, long-sleeved shirts and pants.
- Apply insect repellents that are [registered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](#) to exposed skin and clothing. When used as directed, EPA-registered insect repellents are proven safe and effective, even for pregnant and breastfeeding women.
- Control mosquitoes inside and outside. Repair damaged screening on windows, doors, porches, and patios. Drain water from garbage cans, buckets, pool covers, coolers, toys, flowerpots, or any other containers where sprinkler or rainwater has collected.

The Department continues to conduct statewide surveillance for mosquito-borne illnesses, including West Nile virus infections, Eastern equine encephalitis, St. Louis encephalitis, malaria, chikungunya, and dengue. Residents of Florida are encouraged to report dead birds to the [Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's](#) site.

For more information, visit the [Department's mosquito prevention webpage](#).

If you are experiencing any symptoms, please call DOH-Broward at 954-213-0710.

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