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TOP FIVE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ZIKA

San Fernando, CA –San Fernando may seem far from the Zika troubles, but the mosquito threat may be closer than you think. Here are five things you need to know about this disease as a resident of San Fernando.

#5 - The mosquitoes that can transmit Zika are in Los Angeles County. They’re called Aedes mosquitoes and they’re spreading rapidly through California.

#4 - You can identify these mosquitoes easily. Look for small, black mosquitoes with white stripes. Also, the mosquitoes bite aggressively during the daytime.

#3 - As of early spring, there have been no outbreaks of Zika, dengue, chikungunya or yellow fever in L.A. County. The only cases so far have been residents infected while traveling abroad and coming back home sick.

#2 - You’re not alone in this fight. Vector control is monitoring and controlling populations of mosquitoes in public areas such as parks, street gutters and rivers. Vector control ecologists collect mosquitoes from traps and send the mosquitoes to test for diseases.

#1 - Take control of your home, now! Get rid of the very thing they need to lay their eggs: Standing water. You can find standing water in things like buckets, plant saucers, broken fountains and old tires. Mosquito control is a shared responsibility. Vector control cannot do this alone. Join your neighbors and fight back.

If you are still experiencing mosquito issues, you can contact the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District at (562) 944-9656 or www.ReportMosquitoes.org. Let’s work together to stop this Aedes infestation from spreading.
**HAVE YOU SEEN THIS MOSQUITO?**

**Invasive Species Advisory**

Daytime-biting mosquitoes have been found in a community near you.

**What’s the Big Deal?**

- They can potentially transmit dangerous diseases such as **Zika**, **yellow fever**, **dengue fever** and **chikungunya**.

- They are aggressive daytime biters and don’t belong in your neighborhood!

**Prevention**

- Use insect repellent if you’re in an area with mosquitoes.

- Get rid of any containers that can hold water in your yard or on your patio.

- This mosquito can lay dozens of eggs in containers as small as a bottlecap.

**Call (818) 364-9589 if you experience any of the following:**

- Mosquito bites during the day

- See black-and-white striped mosquitoes

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¿HA VISTO USTED ESTE MOSQUITO?
Aviso de Especie Invasora

Los mosquitos que pican durante el día se han encontrado en una comunidad cerca de usted.

¿Por qué es importante?
• Estos mosquitos pueden transmitir enfermedades graves como Zika, el dengue, fiebre amarilla y chikungunya.
• Pican agresivamente durante el día y no pertenecen en su ciudad.

Prevención
• Use repelente de insectos cuando se encuentre en áreas donde los mosquitos frecuentan.
• ¡Elimine cualquier recipiente con agua o sin agua que pueda criar mosquitos alrededor de su casa!

• Las hembras pueden depositar docenas de huevos en recipientes que colectan agua, tan pequeños como tapas de botellas.

Llame al (818) 364-9589 si percata lo siguiente:
• Mosquitos que piquen durante el día
• Mosquitos con rayas blancas y negras en las patas
• Si observa mosquitos dentro de su hogar

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