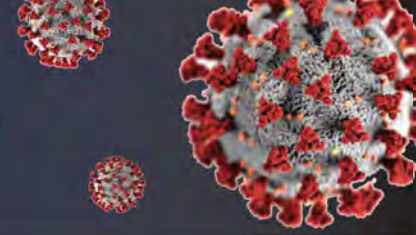


FAQS

How Our Service is Changing in Response to COVID-19



Protecting the health of our employees and the community we serve is our top priority. Our district is committed to helping slow the spread of COVID-19 and is modifying its services and staff schedule in accordance with the CDC and local public health recommendations.

Is COVID-19 transmitted by mosquitoes?

No, COVID-19 cannot be transmitted through mosquito bites. However, mosquitoes can spread West Nile virus, Zika virus, Chikungunya, dengue, and malaria.

Does GLACVCD continue to provide mosquito abatement services during the “Safer at Home” order?

GLACVCD will continue to operate mission-critical programs such as treating gutters, flood control channels, storm drains, parks, and abandoned swimming pools. We will also conduct basic mosquito abundance and virus surveillance. At this time, the District has suspended all requests for service that require resident interaction and inspections of private property.

Is the risk of mosquito-borne disease greater because vector control services are now more limited?

Not currently. Mosquito-borne disease risk depends on a variety of factors, weather conditions being one. Current cooler temperatures help to slow down mosquito development and virus amplification. The District will continue to treat known problem areas such as underground storm drains, abandoned pools, and other area-wide issues listed above to ensure risk remains low as temperatures increase.

Residents experiencing issues with mosquitoes can learn how to prevent mosquito breeding on their property and how to protect themselves from mosquito bites by visiting the District’s Do-It-Yourself solutions page:

<https://www.glacvcd.org/resources/diy-mosquito-solutions/>

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What steps should residents take to reduce mosquito breeding at their home during the COVID-19 pandemic?

The following steps will help reduce the threat of mosquito-transmitted diseases and mosquito breeding this coming season:

- Eliminate standing water in clogged rain gutters, rain barrels, discarded tires, buckets, watering troughs or anything that holds water for more than a week.
- Ensure that swimming pools, spas, and ponds are properly maintained.
- Change the water in pet dishes, birdbaths and other small containers weekly.
- Wear EPA-recommended insect repellent when outdoors where mosquitoes may be present.

What if I am disabled or unable to self-help?

If you’re unable to physically remove mosquito sources, it is important that you protect yourself. Use EPA approved insect repellents on your skin or clothing to prevent mosquito bites, and sleep under a bed net.

Call a family member or a trusted friend to conduct inspections around and inside your home, but be careful to follow social-distancing guidelines whenever possible. If standing water is found, ask them to remove the container.

Where can I get more information?

GLACVCD will continue to respond to messages from the public by email at info@glacvcd.org. For further information and to subscribe to the District’s e-Alert notifications, visit www.glacvcd.org. For general information and to leave a message, call 562-944-9656. The District will continue to provide updates via our website and social media platforms.

