Date: May 11, 2018
To: Patrick H. West, City Manager
From: Kelly Colopy, Director of Health and Human Services
For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: City of Long Beach Has Officially Entered Mosquito Season

The Long Beach Health & Human Services Department (Health Department) has launched the ‘Remove, Report and Protect’ Campaign as Long Beach has officially entered mosquito season.

The Health Department will be conducting a wide range of activities throughout the upcoming mosquito season, including community presentations, interactive displays at events throughout the City, increased outreach to schools and providers, working to address new populations such as pets, and distributing mosquito kits and other materials to residents.

The Health Department is asking all partners to assist with this year’s mosquito awareness and prevention efforts by doing the following:

• Encouraging residents to:
  o Report day-biting mosquitoes to the City’s Mosquito Hotline at 562-570-7907 or by submitting a report online at www.longbeach.gov/mosquitoes
  o Report dead birds to the California Department of Public Health by calling 1-877-WNV-BIRD or online at www.westnile.ca.gov, as this may be a sign that West Nile is in the area

• Scheduling short Mosquito Awareness presentations for community groups or staff meetings. Presentation requests can be submitted online at www.longbeach.gov/mosquitoes

• Cross promote/repost Health Department social media @LBHealthDept or by using #MosquitoFreeLB

• Request Mosquito-Borne Disease educators to table at your outreach events. Contact Jennifer.Gonzalez@longbeach.gov.

Mosquito Facts:

The *Aedes aegypti* mosquito, was first identified in Long Beach in June 2017 after an aggressive public outreach campaign urging residents to call and report day-biting mosquitoes to the Health Department’s Zika hotline. The Long Beach Vector Control Program has since confirmed the presence of *Aedes* mosquitoes in several different areas in Long Beach. At this time, we have had no cases of Zika from mosquitos in Long Beach.
Aedes mosquitoes are also known to transmit heartworm, a parasitic disease that can affect both dogs and cats.

The Culex mosquito, carrying the West Nile Virus (WNV), tends to be active during dawn and dusk. Signs and symptoms of WNV may include fever, body aches, rash, nausea, vomiting, and headache, although most people who are infected have no symptoms. Approximately one in 150 individuals may develop a more serious disease, such as brain inflammation or paralysis. In 2017, there were 15 reported cases in Long Beach, including three deaths. In the past five years, 82 percent of the WNV cases in Long Beach were hospitalized, and 11 percent were fatal.

For more information about mosquitoes, or details on upcoming activities, please visit: www.longbeach.gov/mosquitoes and follow the Health Department on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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For questions related to mosquitoes please call:
MOSQUITO HOTLINE
562-570-7907
www.longbeach.gov/mosquitoes

For other vector related questions, please call:
562-570-4129

Follow us on social media:
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REPORT MOSQUITOES

Have you noticed an unusual amount of mosquitoes lately?
Are you being bitten during the daytime?

CALL THE MOSQUITO HOTLINE
562.570.7907

EMAIL PICTURE
zika@longbeach.gov

SUBMIT A REPORT ONLINE
www.longbeach.gov/mosquitoes

PROTECT YOURSELF & LOVED ONES

- Tip & Toss any standing water in and around your home
- Use an EPA registered insect repellent such as DEET to prevent mosquito bites
  * DEET is safe for children 2 months and older as well as pregnant & breastfeeding mothers (always use as directed)
- Avoid unnecessary travel to areas with Zika if you are pregnant
  Practice extra caution when traveling to areas with Zika
- If you’ve recently returned from an area with Zika, avoid being bitten by mosquitoes for 3 weeks
- Protect your pets from mosquito bites and mosquito-borne diseases
  Change pet water bowls every 7 days and remove standing water from around your home to protect your pets from mosquito bites

Aedes mosquitoes are aggressive daytime biters that have the potential to carry Zika virus.
Culex mosquitoes can spread West Nile and usually bite during dusk and dawn.
Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos de Long Beach

Para preguntas relacionadas con mosquitos, por favor llame:
LÍNEA DIRECTA DE MOSQUITOS
562-570-7907
www.longbeach.gov/mosquitoes

Para otras preguntas relacionadas con el vector, por favor llame:
562-570-4129

Síganos en las redes sociales:
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Aedes mosquitos son agresivos, pican durante el día, y pueden transmitir el virus del Zika
Culex mosquitos pueden transmitir Virus del Oeste del Nilo y normalmente pican durante el atardecer y el amanecer

¿A notado una cantidad inusual de mosquitos últimamente?
¿Le están picando durante el día?

PROTEJA A SU FAMILIA Y A SÍ MISMO

- Incline y tire agua estancada dentro y alrededor de su hogar
- Use repelente de insectos registrado por el EPA como DEET para prevenir las picaduras de mosquitos
  * DEET es seguro para niños de 2 meses en adelante, así como también para madres embarazadas y amamantando (use de acuerdo a las instrucciones)
- Sí no es necesario, evite viajar a áreas con Zika si está embarazada
  Pratique precaución cuando viaje a áreas con Zika
- Si recientemente ha regresado de un área con Zika, evite picaduras de mosquitos por 3 semanas
- Proteje sus mascotas contra las picaduras de mosquitos y las enfermedades transmitidas por mosquitos
  Cambie los recipientes de agua para mascotas cada 7 días y elimine el agua estancada alrededor de su casa para proteger a sus mascotas de las picaduras de mosquitos