

ZIKA: MOSQUITO-BORNE VIRUS

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Mosquito-borne diseases in Florida

- Dengue
- Dog heartworm
- EEE
- Malaria
- SLE

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Chikungunya

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Zika?



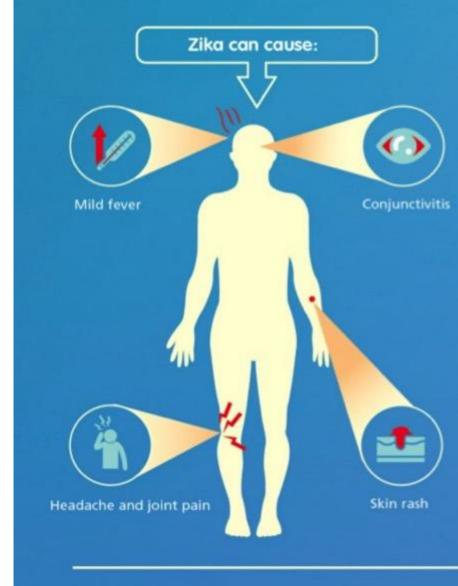
Zika

- Zika is a virus that can be transmitted by the bite of infected female mosquitoes
- The virus is cycled between mosquitoes and humans
- Infection with the virus may or may not cause sickness in humans
- Currently there is no vaccine against Zika virus



Symptoms

- The symptoms of the disease can include:
 - Fever
 - Joint pain
 - Rash
 - Conjunctivitis
 - Muscle Pain
 - Headache
- Four out of five infected persons do not develop any symptoms







How is it transmitted?

- The Zika virus is primarily transmitted by the bite of an infected mosquito
 - The Yellow Fever Mosquito (Aedes aegypti)
 - The Asian Tiger Mosquito (Aedes albopictus)



Areas currently reporting active transmission of Zika virus



Imported vs local transmission (mosquito)

- Where was the individual infected with Zika?
- Imported cases
- Local transmission/Locally acquired
 Means FLORIDA populations of mosquitoes are transmitting the virus
- There are reported local transmission of Zika virus from Florida mosquitoes
- Mosquitoes from two locations in Dade County
 Florida have been found to be infected with Zika



Zika virus is not part of the Florida sentinel chicken program

County officials: Sentinel chickens are first line of defense against West Nile, mosquito control

By Michael Majchrowicz, Times Staff Writer Friday, July 10, 2015 7:56am













TARPON SPRINGS — Chickens are the first line of defense — and an effective one — against the West Nile virus, as far as Pinellas County officials are concerned.

RELATED NEWS/ARCHIVE

With 19 positive tests, health officials again warn of West Nile Virus in Pinellas County 5 Months Ago

Pinellas records first human case of West Nile Virus in 2015

5 Months Ago

As Florida Gov. Rick Scott raises the alarm on Zika virus, Tampa Bay mosquito control officials say don't panic yet

4 Days Ago

A chicken in Tarpon Springs tested positive for the virus on Thursday. This was the first confirmed appearance of the mosquito-borne illness this year. But the infection wasn't happenstance.

The infected chicken belongs to a coop that is part of the county's sentinel program. These chickens are purchased from a provider and raised by the county. When a chicken is infected — with West Nile



Michael Maichrowicz | Times Chickens are shown on site at the Pinellas County Environment and Infrastructure building. While these are not sentinel chickens themselves, their counterparts are typically purchased from a provider and raised by the



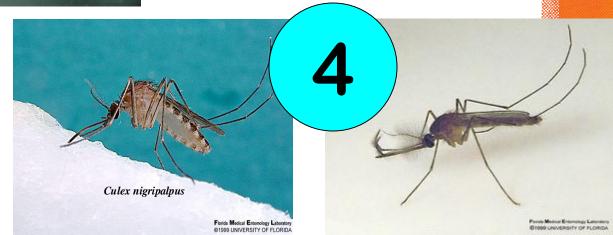
Larvae

The Mosquito Life Cycle





Adult



AEDES AEGYPTI, THE YELLOW FEVER MOSQUITO

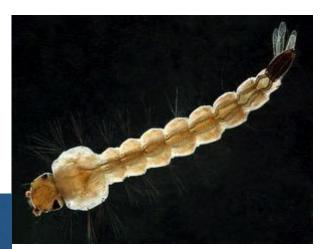








AEDES ALBOPICTUS, THE ASIAN TIGER MOSQUITO









Container Mosquitoes

- Aedes aegypti and Aedes albopictus are container mosquitoes
- The larvae are found in containers that hold even very small amounts of water
- The best way to control these mosquitoes is to clean up around the home by removing containers that can hold water



LARVAL HABITATS OF CONTAINER MOSQUITOES









Larval habitats of container mosquitoes





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Larval habitats of container mosquitoes

 Bromeliad plants can house container mosquitoes in the water-holding tanks





Link: Bromeliad-inhabiting Mosquitos in Florida

Role of UF/IFAS Extension

- Provide science-based information about ways to reduce exposure to mosquito bites
- Provide science-based information about ways to reduce mosquitoes around the home
- Direct our clients to the Florida Department of Health and Centers for Disease Control for information on the human disease
- Adapt current programs and develop new program to be proactive about mosquito source reduction



Prevention

- Eliminate container mosquito habitats
- Wear protective clothing when exposed to mosquitoes (e.g., long sleeves and pants)
- Use Effective repellents



Recommendations to reduce abundance of container mosquitoes

- Yard inspections once per week
 Remove, or drain water-holding items
 Modify objects so that they don't hold water
- Neighborhood clean up events
 A community effort is needed right now! It requires that everyone participate to reduce these mosquitoes
- Treat water that can't be dumped out
 Mosquito dunks (containing a mosquito-specific bacteria, Bti) work very well

Recommendations to reduce abundance of container mosquitoes

- For containers that are used for water collection (i.e., rain barrels), place a screen over the top to prevent mosquitoes from laying eggs in the water
- For bird baths, dump out water and replace with clean water every week
- Get rid of or recycle used tires
- Clean the roof gutters



Mosquito repellents

- Mosquito repellents are an excellent method of reducing exposure to mosquito bites
- Proper application methods are important
- It is important to understand what active ingredient is in the repellent and whether or not is has been shown to be effective



| Active Ingredient | Product Name | Protection Time |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| OFF! Deep Woods | 23.8% DEET | 5 hours |
| Sawyer Controlled Released | 20% DEET | 4 hours |
| OFF! Skintastic | 6.65% DEET | 2 hours |
| Bite Blocker for Kids | 2% Soybean Oil | 1.5 hours |
| OFF! Skintastic for Kids | 4.75% DEET | 1.5 hours |

| Active Ingredient | Product Name | Protection Time | |
|----------------------------------|---|-----------------|--|
| Skin-So-Soft Bug Guard Plus | 7.5% IR3535 | 23 minutes | |
| Natrapel | 10% Citronella | 20 minutes | |
| Herbal Armor | 12% Citronella, 2.5% Peppermint Oil, 2% Cedar Oil, 1% Lemongrass Oil, 0.5% Geranium Oil | 19 minutes | |
| Gone Original Wristband | 9.5% DEET | 0 | |
| Gone Plus Repelling Wristband | 25% Citronella | 0 | |

Mosquito repellents

- The following types of products that have been advertised as mosquito repellents or control products have NOT been found to be effective
 - Devices the emit sound to repel mosquitoes
 - Consumption of garlic, bananas, Vitamin B
 - Bracelets
 - Bug Zappers
 - Bug patches





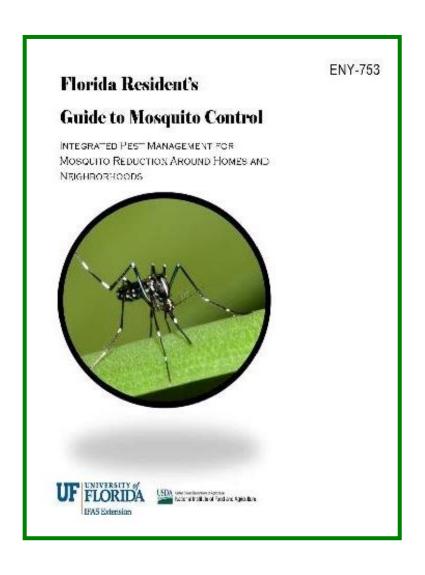
Summary: Preventing exposure to mosquitoes

- Remove container mosquito habitats
- Wear protective clothing
- Use repellents that work

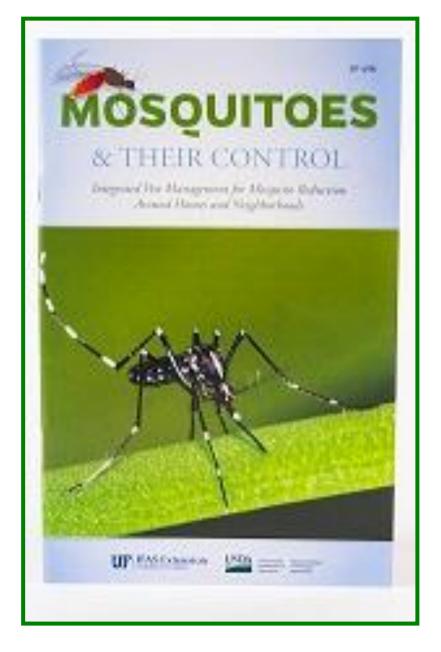


Additional resources

- FMEL Website Zika Frequently Asked Questions
- Center for Disease Control Zika Information
- Florida Health.gov Diseases and Conditions/Zika
 Virus
- Mosquito.ifas.ufl.edu Zika Information
- <u>Center for Disease Control Fact Sheets and Posters</u>
- New England Journal of Medicine Article on Zika Virus
- EDIS Publication Mosquito Repellents



EDIS: IPM for Mosquito Reduction



IFAS Bookstore: Mosquitos and Their Control



Mosquito Bite Protection for Overseas Travelers

FloridaHealth.gov • Florida Department of Health

Mosquitoes spread viruses and parasites that cause diseases like chikungunya, dengue, Zika and malaria. Before you travel to areas where these diseases are found, talk to your health care provider about your health concerns, and ask about malaria prevention medicine.

Mosquitoes can live indoors and will bite at any time, day or night Bring Environmental BRAND EXAMPLES* USE INSECT REPELLENT WITH ONE OF THESE Overseas brand names Protection Agency **ACTIVE INGREDIENTS** may vary. (EPA)-registered insect repellents When you travel to areas with mosquitoes, bring Off!, Cutter, Sawyer, Ultrathon $DEET \rightarrow \rightarrow$ an EPA-registered insect repellent. Use products with active ingredients that are safe and effective. Always follow the product label instructions. Picaridin (KBR 3023), Skin So Soft Bug Guard Bayrepel and icaridin Plus, Autan (outside the Do not spray repellent on skin under clothing. If you use sunscreen, put sunscreen on first and insect repellent Oil of lemon eucalyptus Repel (OLE) or para-menthane-It is safe for pregnant or nursing women to use EPA-approved. repellants if applied according to package label instructions. Skin So Soft Bug Guard Plus Expedition, Skin Smart IR3535->-> Learn more: www2.epa.gov/insect-repellents. Higher percentages of active ingredient=longer protection

Cover up with clothing

- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants.
- Mosquitoes can bite through thin clothing. Treat clothes with permethrin or another EPA-registered insecticide for extra protection.

Use permethrin-treated clothing and gear.

- Permethrin is an insecticide that kills mosquitoes and
- Buy permethrin-treated clothing and gear (boots, pants, socks, tents), or use permethrin to treat clothing and gear follow product instructions closely.
- Read product information to find out how long the permethrin will last.
- Do not use permethrin products directly on skin.

Keep mosquitoes out of hotels rooms & other lodging

Choose a hotel or lodging with air conditioning and screened. windows and doors.

If you will be sleeping outside or in a room that is not well screened, buy a bed net BEFORE traveling overseas.

- Buy bed nets from an outdoor store, and choose a WHOPESapproved bed net (like Pramax*): compact, white, rectangular, with 156 holes per square inch and long enough to tuck under a mattress.
- Permethrin-treated bed nets provide more protection than untreated nets.



- Do not wash bed nets or expose them to sunlight—this will break down permethrin more guickly.
- Learn more: www.cdc.gov/malarta/ malaria worldwide/eduction/itn.html.

www.cdc.gov/features/StopMosquitoes

*The use of commercial names is to provide information about products; it does not represent an endorsement of these products by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service

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