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# DOH-Pasco Issues Mosquito-Borne Illness Alert

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**Pasco County, Fla.**—The Florida Department of Health in Pasco County (DOH-Pasco) is informing residents of confirmed human cases of locally-acquired Dengue. DOH-Pasco and Pasco County Mosquito Control District are coordinating surveillance and prevention efforts.

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

## MOSQUITOES CAN SPREAD ILLNESS

### Protect Yourself with Repellent

- Always read label directions carefully for the approved usage before you apply a repellent.
- Apply insect repellent to exposed skin or clothing, but not under clothing.
- Treat clothing and gear with products containing 0.5% permethrin. Do not apply permethrin directly to skin.
- Some repellents are not suitable for children. Ensure repellent is safe for children and age appropriate.

### Stop Mosquitoes from Breeding

Mosquitoes can live indoors and will bite at any time, day or night.

- Mosquitoes breed by laying eggs in and near standing water.
- As little as one teaspoon or bottle cap of water standing for more than one week is enough for mosquitoes to breed and multiply.

### Around Buildings

At least once a week, empty or cover anything that could hold water, such as:

- Buckets
- Toys
- Child Pools and Pool Covers
- Birdbaths
- Trash, Containers, and Recycling Bins
- Boat or Car Covers
- Roof Gutters
- Coolers
- Pet Dishes
- Tires

### Keep them Outside

- Use Air Conditioning
- Keep Screens on All Windows
- Repair Holes in Screens
- Keep Doors Exterior Windows Closed

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## PUEDEN PROPAGAR ENFERMEDADES

### Protéjase con Repelente

Siempre lea cuidadosamente las instrucciones para conocer el uso aprobado antes de aplicar un repelente.

Aplique repelente de insectos en la piel o la ropa expuestas, pero no debajo de la ropa.

Trate la ropa y el equipo con productos que contengan 0.5 % de permetrina. No aplique permetrina directamente a la piel.

Algunos repelentes no son aptos para los niños. Asegúrese de que el repelente sea seguro para los niños y apropiado para su edad.

### Alrededor de Edificios

Al menos una vez a la semana, vacíe o cubra todo lo que pueda contener agua, como:

- Baldes
- Juguetes
- Piscinas Infantiles y Cobertores de Piscinas
- Pilas para Pájaros
- Basura, Contenedores, Recipientes de Reciclaje
- Cubiertas de Carroso o Botes
- Canaletas
- Hieleras
- Platos de Mascotas
- Neumáticos

### No deje que se reproduzcan los ¡Mosquitos!

Los mosquitos pueden vivir en el interior y pican en cualquier momento, de día o de noche.

Los mosquitos se reproducen al poner huevos en y cerca del agua estancada.

Tan solo una cucharadita o tapa de botella de agua estancada durante más de una semana es suficiente para que los mosquitos se reproduzcan y se multipliquen.

### Mantenga los Mosquitos Afuera

Use el aire acondicionado    Coloque mosquiteros en todas las ventanas

Reparar agujeros en los mosquiteros

Mantenga las puertas y ventanas exteriores cerradas

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 website](#) or contact your county health department.

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