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**Medical Entomologist Arrives on Island;
 Dengue Information to be Presented on Oct. 16 at Merizo Elementary School**

The Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS), along with partner agencies, and the Guam community, continue efforts to mitigate the spread of the dengue virus on Guam.

No new cases were confirmed in the last 24 hours. There remain nine confirmed cases of locally acquired dengue infection and six confirmed cases of imported dengue infection since April 24, 2019. DPHSS continues to receive reports of suspect cases as a result of the department's increased community outreach and timely reporting by Guam healthcare providers.

As a reminder, the dengue virus is transmitted to humans by the bite of an infected mosquito and cannot spread directly from person-to-person. Anyone who lives in or travels to an area where dengue virus is found can get it from mosquito bites.

Experts from the U.S. Centers for Disease and Control Dengue Branch Arrive on Guam

At the request of the DPHSS, Medical Entomologist Ryan R. Hemme, PhD, MPH and Biologist Gilberto E. Felix arrived on Guam yesterday to assist in the dengue response. They will help provide their expert advice and assess the department's current mosquito surveillance strategy.

As part of an aggressive outreach commitment, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continues to provide DPHSS with technical assistance on epidemiological surveillance, monitoring, and risk communications. Part of the initiative is providing informational briefs to key stakeholders and the community. Informational briefings can be made available upon request.

The community is invited to a presentation on dengue basics by medical epidemiologist, U.S. Public Health Service Lt. Commander W. Thane Hancock, and a panel of experts who will provide information and answer questions at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2019 at Merizo Elementary School.

For more information, visit <http://dphss.guam.gov/dengue-fever/> or contact DPHSS, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at (671) 735-7159. If there is an emergency, dial 911.


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