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**Medical Entomologist Provides Expert Advice with Mosquito Surveillance;
 Dengue Presentation on Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2019 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.

To date, there remain nine confirmed cases of locally acquired dengue infection and six confirmed cases of imported dengue infection. **No new confirmed cases were reported over the weekend.**

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 arrived on Guam last week to assist in the dengue response. Medical Entomologist Ryan R. Hemme, PhD, MPH and Biologist Gilberto E. Felix will provide expert advice and assess the department's mosquito surveillance and abatement strategy. Their work will help to improve the Division of Environmental Health's Mosquito Surveillance Team's effort in addressing the surveillance and control of mosquitoes as they respond to dengue cases. The CDC team will be on island for approximately three weeks.

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) 735-7297. If there is an emergency, dial 911.


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