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DPHSS Receives Notification of One New Case, Labels It as Imported Dengue Infection

The Guam 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.

Since the last news release, DPHSS received one report of a laboratory positive case of dengue infection. The tests were sent off-island and results took 10 days to return. Further case investigation indicated that the infection was acquired off-island. There are now 7 confirmed cases of imported dengue infection. The number of confirmed locally acquired dengue infection remain at 10.

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.

Dengue is spread to people through the bite of an infected mosquito.

DPHSS continues to encourage source reduction of mosquito breeding sites through community outreach efforts; conduct pesticide application in high-risk target areas where written consent has been given by the home or building owner; and conduct case finding through house-to-house canvassing where recent cases of dengue infection were identified. The community is advised to avoid mosquito bites to help stop the spread of dengue.

Dengue Fever Symptoms

See your healthcare provider if you experience any of the following symptoms of dengue fever: fever, aches and pains, rash, mild bleeding usually around the nose or gums. Visit your nearest hospital emergency room if you experience any of the following symptoms of severe dengue: severe abdominal pain, persistent vomiting, significant bleeding, lethargy or restlessness.

Community Health Centers

For those without a primary healthcare provider, call the Northern Regional Community Health Center in Dededo at (671) 635-7400 or the Southern Regional Community Health Center in Inarajan at (671) 828-7157 to make an appointment. Walk-ins are accepted Monday through Friday, beginning at 8 a.m.

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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