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DOH-Monroe Issues Mosquito-Borne Illness Alert



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The Florida Department of Health in Monroe County (DOH-Monroe) is informing residents of two confirmed cases of locally-acquired dengue fever.

[DOH-Monroe](#) and [Florida Keys Mosquito Control District](#) are coordinating surveillance and prevention efforts that include:

- Intensified door to door mosquito inspections
- Enhanced mosquito surveillance (trapping/monitoring)
- Aerial larvicide and adulticide mosquito treatments as necessary
- Truck mounted larvicide and adulticide mosquito treatments as necessary

Dengue can present as a flu-like illness with severe muscle aches and joint pain, fever, and sometimes a rash. Usually, there are no respiratory symptoms. Symptoms of dengue will appear within 14 days after being bitten by an infected mosquito. Dengue fever is not contagious but is transmitted by the bite of an infected *Aedes aegypti* mosquito.

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

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 view the weekly [mosquito-borne illness surveillance reports](#). If you are experiencing any symptoms, please call DOH-Monroe at 305-317-9120.

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