



Media Alert

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Operation “Tip This House”: L.A. County Public Health Agencies to Hold Outbreak Preparedness Exercise

Presence of *Aedes* mosquitoes increase risk of Zika virus and other diseases

WHAT	Vector Control staff will conduct a “boots on the ground” exercise in partnership with trained Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) and Public Health Emergency Volunteers (PHEV) to encourage residents to tip and toss stagnant water to deter invasive <i>Aedes</i> mosquitoes. Teams will conduct a door-to-door yard inspections and mosquito control treatments (as needed) in a Santa Fe Springs neighborhood – one of many communities in Los Angeles County with <i>Aedes</i> mosquitoes.
WHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (www.glacvcd.org) • San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District (www.sgvmosquito.org) • Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Emergency Preparation & Response Division (www.publichealth.lacounty.gov)
WHEN and WHERE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday, 6/9/18 at 8:30 a.m. • Meet at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center at 9255 S. Pioneer Blvd., Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670. <p>Teams will be canvassing the surrounding neighborhood.</p>
WHY	The goal of the exercise is to increase public awareness of the <i>Aedes</i> mosquito threat and for public health agencies to improve existing response strategy. Invasive <i>Aedes</i> mosquitoes in L.A. County have the potential to transmit Zika, dengue fever, yellow fever and chikungunya to people. Since 2015, there has been more than 120 travel-related cases of Zika in L.A. County.
PHOTO OP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple response groups in a neighborhood distributing mosquito education brochures • Public health workers inspecting yards for mosquito breeding sources

About Vector Control: The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD) and San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District (SGVMVCD) are two of five vector control agencies that provide services and programs in Los Angeles County. Since 2011, vector control districts have been consistently working together to fight the invasive *Aedes* mosquitoes. For more information about GLACVCD, visit www.glacvcd.org, for more information about SGVMVCD, visit www.sgvmosquito.org.