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Los Angeles County Public Health Agencies to Hold Outbreak Preparedness Exercise

Presence of Aedes mosquitoes increase risk of Zika, dengue, and other diseases

WHAT Vector Control staff will conduct an emergency response training 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 prevent invasive *Aedes* mosquitoes. Teams will conduct door-to-door yard inspections and mosquito control treatments (as needed) in a Whittier neighborhood – one of many communities in Los Angeles County with *Aedes* mosquitoes.

WHO

- Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (www.GLAmosquito.org)
- Medical Reserve Corps and Public Health Emergency Volunteer Network under the supervision of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Emergency Preparedness and Response Division (<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eprp/>).

WHEN and WHERE

- Saturday, June 18, 2022, from 8:00am – 3:00pm
- Whittier Community Center | 7630 Washington Avenue, Whittier, CA 90602
Teams will be canvassing the surrounding neighborhood.

WHY This exercise is designed to increase public awareness of the *Aedes* mosquito threat and to prepare and improve the response strategy of public health agencies during an outbreak event. Invasive *Aedes* mosquitoes in Los Angeles County have the potential to transmit Zika, dengue fever, yellow fever and chikungunya to people.

PHOTO OP

- Multiple response groups in a neighborhood distributing mosquito education brochures
- Public health workers inspecting yards for mosquito breeding sources

About Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District:

The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District is a public health service agency formed under the authority of the California State Health & Safety Code. Our mission is to reduce populations of public health vectors below nuisance levels and prevent human infection associated with mosquito-transmitted diseases.

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