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Protecting Against Mosquito-Borne Diseases

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BROWARD COUNTY, FL - The Florida Department of Health has concluded that four Zika virus cases in South Florida are the result of local transmission. Two are in Broward County. At this time, the County would like to ensure all residents that everything possible is being done to reduce mosquito breeding sites.

The Broward County Mosquito Control Division is working closely with the Florida Department of Health and Code Enforcement partners in Broward's 31 municipalities.

Here's what's being done to protect residents in a 300 yard minimum radius around the home of the first suspected locally-acquired cases:

- Conducting door-to-door back pack spraying
- Draining standing water where possible
- Treating standing water with long-lasting larvicide
- Eliminating mosquito habitats
- Setting up mosquito traps
- Sampling adult mosquitos to gauge effectiveness of the above-mentioned treatments

In addition, the Mosquito Control Division has purchased extra chemicals and equipment to continue the back-pack spraying and larvicide placement, and has re-assigned personnel to assist in administering larvicide to areas of standing water that can't be drained.

Residents can help in this effort by letting Mosquito Control officials enter their property so these preventive steps can be taken. You can also contact the Mosquito Control Division and request spraying in your neighborhood, either by calling **954-765-4062** or completing the online [Mosquito Spray Request Form](#).

It's very important that residents do their part to help. Take the time this weekend to go around your property, and drain anything that's holding standing water. This can include flower pots, children's toys, pet bowls, used car parts, and even coconut shells. Cover yourself when outdoors, and wear a mosquito repellent that contains DEET. The mosquito that carries the Zika virus can bite indoors, and during the

day, so be sure to keep doors and windows closed. This [flyer](#) offers more tips for breaking the Zika virus cycle. For more information on protecting yourself from mosquito-borne diseases, visit our [website](#).

The Florida Department of Health has set up a Zika virus information line for concerned residents. That number is [1-855-622-6735](tel:1-855-622-6735).

About Highway and Bridge Maintenance Division

The [Highway and Bridge Maintenance Division](#) is responsible for the maintenance and construction of County road and highway projects, curbs and gutters, guardrails, rights-of-ways, sidewalks, storm water systems, streets, swales and trees, and mosquito control. Staff resources are available for 24-hour emergency services. Call [954-357-6040](tel:954-357-6040) for more information.

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