

Understanding Dengue Fever

More information:



Symptoms

- High Fever (102-104F)
- Severe Headache
- Joint and Muscle Pain
- Rash
- Bleeding



We now have several confirmed cases of locally acquired Dengue Fever in Pinellas County.



Transmission

- Spread by mosquito bites. Typically most active during the daytime
- Increased biting activity 2 hours after sunrise and several hours before dusk.



Prevention

- Use insect repellent on all exposed body parts
- Remove or cover stagnant water
 - Buckets
 - Garbage cans
 - Kid Pools
 - Pet dishes
- Repair broken screen doors/windows to help control mosquito access to living spaces.
- Wear protective, long sleeve clothing.
- Use area mosquito repellent/traps
- Take extra precaution if you will be near areas of water in the early morning/evening
- Take extra precaution and wear additional protection if you work in higher risk areas/conditions.

HIGH RISK POPULATIONS:

- **Newborns**
- **Pregnant patients**
- **Immunocompromised**