

## Coachella Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District

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## Mosquitoes are more than a nuisance. Their bites can spread diseases such as West Nile Virus.

National Mosquito Control Awareness Week begins June 20-26, 2021. Fight the bite! Avoid mosquito-borne virus transmission.

**Coachella Valley, CA-** June 20 kicks off National Mosquito Control Awareness Week. The Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in our community. We educate and provide mosquito control services.

In the Coachella Valley, we have three mosquito species that can carry viruses, such as West Nile virus, Dengue, and Zika.

Aedes aegypti is one such mosquito. Found in the Coachella Valley in 2016 the Aedes aegypti is capable of transmitting viruses. None have been transmitted locally. The Aedes aegypti is a small black and white mosquito, known as an aggressive day biter, lives in urban areas with people, and is difficult to get rid of unless communities are willing to help.

Join us virtually June 20-26, 2021, as we share mosquito facts and protection tips against mosquitoes like *Aedes aegypti*.

Follow the hashtag #NationalMosquitoWeek, our social media platforms @cvmosquito, and visit our website cvmosquito.org for more information.

## Prevent mosquito bites by following the three D's:

- Drain: Empty out water containers at least once per week.
- Dress: Wear long sleeves, long pants, and light-colored, loose-fitting clothing when outside
- Defend: Properly apply an EPA-registered repellent such as DEET, picaridin, IR 3535, or oil of lemon-eucalyptus.