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Public Health Office urges action to ‘fight the bite’

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Increasing rainfall and increasing temperatures mean increasing numbers of mosquitoes, and the Comal County Office of Public Health is urging residents to “fight the bite” this spring and help prevent the spread of mosquito-borne illnesses.

Residents can combat the spread of Zika, West Nile and other mosquito-borne viruses by

- Wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants;
- Using EPA-registered insect repellents;
- Using permethrin-treated clothing;
- Eliminating standing water on your property, including cleaning rain gutters
- Staying and sleeping in screened-in or air-conditioned rooms; and
- Avoiding or limiting outdoor activities during peak mosquito times.

“Especially with the heavy rain we had last week, there’s still a lot of standing water throughout the county,” said Cheryl Fraser, Comal County director of public health. “Mosquitoes can breed in just a capfull of water, so we encourage all residents to make sure they dump out any standing water on their property.”

Although Zika virus is active in Texas mosquitoes, no cases have yet been reported in Comal County since it arrived in the state in 2016. Nevertheless, residents should continue to be alert for symptoms and take precautions, especially if pregnant or planning to become pregnant.

More information about fighting Zika and other mosquito-borne illnesses in Comal County can be found at the joint Comal County/City of New Braunfels Zika webpage, www.comalzika.org.

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