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**STATE SURGEON GENERAL: COMPREHENSIVE
MOSQUITO CONTROL PLAN NEEDED FROM
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY**



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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Today, State Surgeon General and Secretary Dr. Celeste Philip sent the below letter to Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Gimenez requesting information regarding their mosquito control abatement strategies for combatting Zika.

Below is a copy of the letter:

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To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



Rick Scott
Governor

Celeste Philip, MD, MPH
Surgeon General and Secretary

Vision: To be the Healthiest State in the Nation

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Honorable Carlos Gimenez
Mayor, Miami-Dade County
111 N.W. First Street, 29th Floor
Miami, Florida 33128-1930

Dear Mayor Gimenez:

In our partnership the State has invested more than \$12 million specifically in Miami-Dade County to combat Zika. To ensure that the mosquito control strategies deployed using this funding have been effective, we request that you provide a comprehensive report detailing the efficacy of your efforts to combat Zika and protect the health of your community, especially pregnant women and their growing babies.

Please provide the following information by November 4, 2016:

- A comprehensive breakdown of spending for all ground based and aerial spraying activities including the dates and locations that spraying occurred;
- Specific data on mosquito trap counts on at least a weekly basis or as frequent a basis as you can provide. Averages have been provided but we believe individual trap counts will assist in our investigations and help assess the effectiveness of mosquito control techniques;
- Any analysis or research you have conducted regarding the efficacy of mosquito control measures in the county; and
- Your current plan for this mosquito season and any plans you have developed for the upcoming winter season to prevent mosquito activity in the spring and summer.

This information is essential in our fight against this disease. I am confident that what we are learning about Zika and how to control Aedes mosquitoes in Miami-Dade County will be beneficial to the state and the nation as we seek to eradicate the Zika virus.

On behalf of the Department, I look forward to working with you to contain the spread of Zika and protect our fellow Floridians and visitors to our state from the disease.

Sincerely,

Celeste Philip, MD, MPH
Surgeon General and Secretary

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