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FIVE ADDITIONAL CONFIRMED CASES OF DENGUE FEVER IN MONROE COUNTY

~ Health Department Continues Mosquito-Borne Illness Alert ~



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Monroe County, FL—To better understand the extent of the Dengue fever outbreak in Monroe County, the Florida Department of Health has been working with the community to identify individuals who have recovered from the mosquito-borne illness in the last few months. Through these efforts, an additional five confirmed cases of Dengue fever have been found in the Key Largo area through antibody testing. These cases had onset dates during the month of June 2020. When these cases were identified previously as persons of interest, the Florida Keys Mosquito Control District was notified, and appropriate mosquito control measures were conducted immediately.

These five additional confirmed cases of Dengue bring the total this year in Monroe County to 42.

The emergence of these Dengue cases reinforces the importance for the public to prevent insect bites and to take basic precautions to help limit exposure. These measures include intact windows and screens and the use of air conditioning, keeping the area around your residence free from containers that collect water, wearing protective clothing and the appropriate use of insect repellents. The Department reminds all residents to drain all standing water at least once per week and designate individuals to share this key responsibility within the business or household.

For more information, visit www.floridahealth.gov/dengue or www.keysmosquito.org. To view surveillance reports, including weekly mosquito-borne illness surveillance reports, visit: www.tinyurl.com/mosquitosurveillance. If you are experiencing any symptoms or have additional questions, please call DOH-Monroe at 305-293-7500 and choose option 3.

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