



Argentina fights against sudden increase in dengue cases and lack of repellent

Description

[Argentina is currently facing a shortage of insect repellent, bracing itself for its worst-ever dengue season. Dengue, a mosquito-borne virus potentially lethal in severe cases, is most prevalent in tropical and subtropical climates, with symptoms including high fever, severe headaches, swollen glands, and rashes. Argentinian citizens are finding it virtually impossible to buy repellent, and when available, the prices are significantly inflated. The government has attributed this to a supply "bottleneck" but assures the public that it will resolve the issue.

The shortage of repellents started to be noticed in March. A company that manufactures repellents in Argentina attributes the shortages to a forecasting error, explaining that the manufacturing process takes months. Meanwhile, the Argentinian health ministry reported 163,419 cases of dengue fever thus far in 2024, with fatalities recorded across all age groups, particularly among people over 80 years old.

Cases of Dengue in the Americas have tripled in 2024 compared to the same period last year, with Argentina, Brazil, and Paraguay being the worst-hit nations - accounting for 98% of all cases and 87% of deaths. So far, regional health authorities have recorded over 3.5 million cases and a thousand deaths related to the virus. Factors such as global warming and El Nino are believed to be contributing to worsening conditions.

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Vocabulary List:

1. **Shortage** // (noun): A situation in which the amount of something available is not enough.
2. **Repellent** // (adjective): A substance that deters insects or other pests.
3. **Bracing** // (adjective): Preparing oneself for a challenging situation.
4. **Dengue** // (noun): A mosquito-borne viral disease.
5. **Fatalities** // (noun): Deaths resulting from a disaster, disease, or accident.
6. **Bottleneck** // (noun): A point of congestion in a system that causes delays.

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What is a major health concern characterized by an excess of body fat?
Option: A. Diabetes
Option: B. Obesity
Option: C. Arthritis
Option: D. Hypertension
2. Which highly contagious viral infection is known for its characteristic red rash?
Option: A. Measles
Option: B. Influenza
Option: C. Tuberculosis
Option: D. Mumps
3. Refers to the idea that neurological differences should be recognized and respected.
Option: A. Neurotypicality
Option: B. Neurodiversity
Option: C. Neuroplasticity
Option: D. Neuropsychology
4. Which term describes something widespread or commonly occurring?
Option: A. Scarce
Option: B. Prevalent
Option: C. Occasional
Option: D. Sparse



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5. The ability of a product to provide a desired effect or result.
- Option: A. Potency
 - Option: B. Efficacy
 - Option: C. Toxicity
 - Option: D. Inefficacy
6. Which term means being present or found everywhere?
- Option: A. Limited
 - Option: B. Ubiquitous
 - Option: C. Rare
 - Option: D. Exclusive
7. Describing something with the ability to work successfully or be effective.
- Option: A. Feasible
 - Option: B. Viable
 - Option: C. Impracticable
 - Option: D. Unsound
8. Which term describes a mutual relationship or connection between two or more things?
- Option: A. Randomness
 - Option: B. Correlation
 - Option: C. Autonomy
 - Option: D. Disconnection
9. Refers to a specific period of work or time spent doing something.
- Option: A. Endurance
 - Option: B. Stint
 - Option: C. Abundance
 - Option: D. Leisure
10. Which term means providing support or encouragement?
- Option: A. Discouraging
 - Option: B. Bracing
 - Option: C. Weakening
 - Option: D. Debilitating

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. _____ fever is a mosquito-borne tropical disease.
12. The car accident resulted in multiple _____ .



13. The factory had to close due to a _____ of raw materials.
14. The scientist conducted many _____ experiments to gather data.
15. The traffic jam was caused by a _____ on the highway.
16. Lack of rain _____ the drought conditions.
17. The report provided a _____ analysis of the problem.
18. The police are investigating the _____ that occurred last night.
19. The company questioned the _____ of the new project.
20. The research put the scientist at the _____ of the field.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The effects of climate change are gradually building up over time.
22. She found herself in a unable to decide between the two job offers.
23. The strong smell of the kept the mosquitoes away.
24. The novel explored the between good and evil.
25. With his keen eyesight he the tiny details in the artwork.
26. Using a microphone the speaker's voice for the audience to hear clearly.
27. The scientist was considered in the field of genetics.
28. The builder used to create a strong foundation for the house.
29. The family faced many as they moved to a new country.
30. The minor at the factory caused a brief shutdown.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. B. Obesity 2. A. Measles 3. B. Neurodiversity 4. B. Prevalent 5. B. Efficacy 6. B. Ubiquitous 7. B. Viable



8. B. Correlation 9. B. Stint 10. B. Bracing

Gap-Fill: 11. Dengue 12. fatalities 13. shortage 14. empirical 15. bottleneck 16. exacerbated 17. comprehensive 18. incident 19. viability 20. forefront

Matching sentence: 1. cumulative 2. quandary 3. repellent 4. dichotomy 5. discerned 6. amplifies 7. eminent 8. concrete 9. vicissitude 10. incident

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