



## Several California Counties, Including San Diego, Find Invasive Aedes aegypti Mosquitoes

### Description

Scientists in San Diego have raised an alarm about a dangerous invasive mosquito species discovered in several counties across California. The *Aedes aegypti*, commonly known as the yellow fever mosquito, is a vector of diseases like Zika, dengue, yellow fever, and chikungunya, according to San Diego's Vector Control Program.

The mosquitoes are reportedly small and black, easily identifiable for their distinctive white stripes on legs and back. The California Department of Health has been tracking the *Aedes* mosquitoes as part of its statewide vector-borne disease surveillance system.

The Department of Health reported that the presence of these mosquitoes are not just confined to San Diego, but have also spread to various parts of California. Some counties even reported existence of both *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* (also known as the tiger mosquito). Isolated local transmission of dengue virus from mosquito bites has been seen among people who have previously traveled to areas where such viruses are common.

The mosquito population flourishes during warm periods as their life-cycle from egg to adult takes less than a week in such conditions. To prevent these insects from spreading, it's important to keep water containers empty, check screens on windows and doors to prevent mosquitoes from coming inside the house, wear repellent and cover exposed skin with long clothes. Citizens of San Diego are encouraged to contact the San Diego Vector Control Program for any mosquito infestation, reporting or requesting inspections.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Invasive** // (adjective): Tending to spread prolifically and undesirably or harmfully.
2. **Vector** // (noun): An organism typically a biting insect or tick that transmits a disease or parasite from one animal or plant to another.
3. **Surveillance** // (noun): Close observation especially of a suspected spy or criminal.
4. **Transmission** // (noun): The action or process of transmitting something.
5. **Flourishes** // (verb): To develop in a healthy or vigorous way especially as the result of a particularly favorable environment.
6. **Infestation** // (noun): The presence of an unusually large number of insects or animals in one area typically so as to cause damage or disease.

## Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. Which of the following is commonly known as pink eye?  
Option: Antiviral  
Option: Pathogenic  
Option: Conjunctivitis  
Option: Transmissions
2. Which word means astonishing or deeply shocking?  
Option: Accidentally  
Option: Staggering  
Option: Specialized  
Option: Functioning
3. What term is used to describe a marked change in form nature or appearance?  
Option: Responsible  
Option: Role  
Option: Manipulates  
Option: Transformation



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4. Which term refers to the condition of being physically fit and healthy?
- Option: Transformation
  - Option: Fatigue
  - Option: Negligence
  - Option: Fitness
5. What is a relatively flat and high land area?
- Option: Fitness
  - Option: Plateau
  - Option: Nutritionist
  - Option: Rekindling
6. Which term describes a species that is likely to harm the environment it is introduced into?
- Option: Undisclosed
  - Option: Refrain
  - Option: Invasive
  - Option: Frivolously
7. What is an organism that transmits a pathogen to another organism known as?
- Option: Enthralled
  - Option: Acquiring
  - Option: Invasive
  - Option: Vector
8. Which term refers to the monitoring of behavior activities or information for the purpose of gathering information?
- Option: Transmission
  - Option: Flourishes
  - Option: Infestation
  - Option: Surveillance
9. What is the failure to take proper care in doing something?
- Option: Transmission
  - Option: Negligence
  - Option: Rekindling
  - Option: Undisclosed
10. Which term means to buy or obtain an object or asset?
- Option: Frivolously
  - Option: Enthralled
  - Option: Acquiring
  - Option: Invasive



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

11. \_\_\_\_\_ microorganisms can cause disease in their host.
12. The machine stopped \_\_\_\_\_ after years of reliable operation.
13. In the play her \_\_\_\_\_ was to portray the antagonist.
14. In a suitable environment this plant \_\_\_\_\_ and grows rapidly.
15. Without proper pest control the house had an \_\_\_\_\_ of ants.
16. The surgeon performed the \_\_\_\_\_ procedure with precision.
17. Please \_\_\_\_\_ from using your phone during the meeting.
18. The audience was \_\_\_\_\_ by the magician's performance.
19. The company had an \_\_\_\_\_ agreement with its partners.
20. The dictator \_\_\_\_\_ the media to control public opinion.

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

21. After a long day at work he felt extreme tiredness and lack of energy.
22. The couple went on a romantic getaway in hopes of reviving their relationship.
23. She consulted a professional to create a balanced diet plan tailored to her needs.
24. Medication that inhibits the growth and spread of viruses in the body.
25. Being answerable and accountable for one's actions or duties.
26. The species evolved to survive in the changing environmental conditions.
27. He knocked over the vase while cleaning the table.
28. The authorities used advanced technology for constant monitoring of the city.



29. The accident could have been prevented if not for his lack of care.

30. Regular exercise and a balanced diet are essential for good health and .

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Conjunctivitis 2. Staggering 3. Transformation 4. Fitness 5. Plateau 6. Invasive 7. Vector 8. Surveillance 9. Negligence 10. Acquiring

**Gap-Fill:** 11. Pathogenic 12. Functioning 13. Role 14. Flourishes 15. Infestation 16. Specialized 17. Refrain 18. Enthralled 19. Undisclosed 20. Manipulates

**Matching sentence:** 1. Fatigue 2. Rekindling 3. Nutritionist 4. Antiviral 5. Responsible 6. Adapting 7. Accidentally 8. Surveillance 9. Negligence 10. Fitness

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