

SAFETY ALERT

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Date: 29 April 2014

Subject: **Increased presence of Mosquitoes**

Area of Concern: **Townsville Airport Pty Ltd**

In accordance with the World Health Organisation's International Health Regulations, Article 19, Townsville Airport in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture – Biosecurity (DA) attempts to maintain the airport free from the mosquito *Aedes aegypti* and all other mosquitoes capable of hosting human diseases, in both their immature and adult forms.

For this purpose, active anti-mosquito measures must be maintained within a protective area extending for a distance of at least 400 metres around the perimeter of the airport terminal and aircraft parking areas.

DA – Biosecurity undertake weekly surveillance around the Terminal. Townsville Airport also work closely with The Townsville City Council who monitor mosquito activity around the precinct.

Results from recent surveillance around the precinct has identified an increase in the *Aedes aegypti* Mosquito average above numbers.

As population increases during the wet season, Townsville Airport and The Townsville City Council strongly encourage all staff and tenants to take precautions through the use of sprays and protective clothing, as well as making sure any items holding stagnant water are tipped out.

We also encourage you to report any cases of this matter around the airport precinct by contacting the Environmental & Sustainability Management Officer on (07) 4727 3205.

For further information please visit the attached links:

Townsville City Council

<http://www.townsville.qld.gov.au/resident/mosquitoes/Pages/default.aspx>

Queensland Health

<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/dengue/outbreaks/current.asp>

Queensland Health Dengue Fact sheet

http://access.health.qld.gov.au/hid/InfectionsandParasites/ViralInfections/dengue_fs.asp

Department of Agriculture – Biosecurity

<http://www.daff.gov.au/biosecurity/avm/vessels/fact-sheets/mosquito>

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» IMPORTANT INFORMATION

STOP DENGUE

1

DO YOUR WEEKLY YARD CHECK

DENGUE MOSQUITOES BREED IN STAGNANT WATER

- » Pot plant bases
- » Tyres
- » Palm fronds
- » Boats
- » Buckets
- » Tarpaulins
- » Containers
- » Birdbaths
- » Drain sumps
- » Bromeliads
- » Roof gutters
- » Rain water tanks

2

DON'T GET BITTEN

THEY ARE DAYTIME BITERS

- » Use repellent
- » Burn mossier coils
- » Use surface sprays
- » Screen your house
- » Wear loose clothes – they can't bite through



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SEE YOUR DOCTOR IF YOU FEEL UNWELL

DENGUE FEVER SYMPTOMS INCLUDE

- » Headache
- » Muscle and joint pain
- » Skin rash
- » Loss of appetite, vomiting, and diarrhoea
- » Fever
- » Bleeding of gums or nose

**ASK YOUR DOCTOR
FOR A BLOOD TEST**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT »

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