

What you need to know about *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes

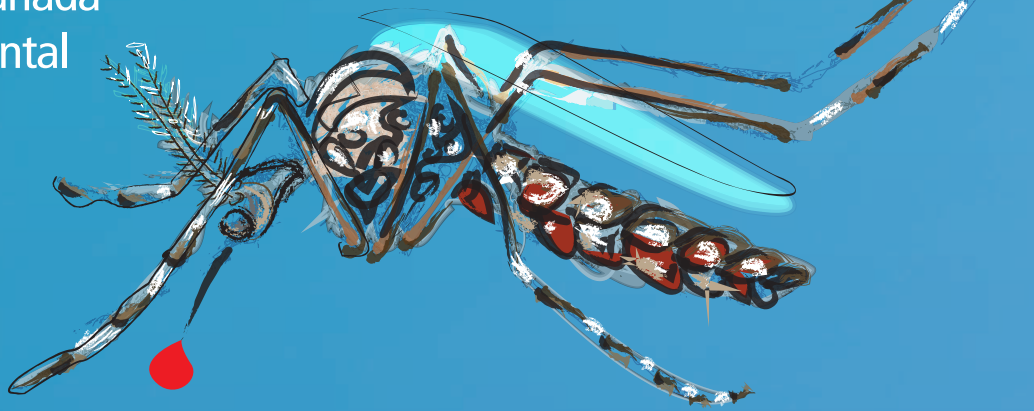


Aedes aegypti is the main carrier for dengue, chikungunya and Zika viruses



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It's found throughout the Americas, except in Canada and continental Chile

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It's well adapted to human settlements, living in and around homes



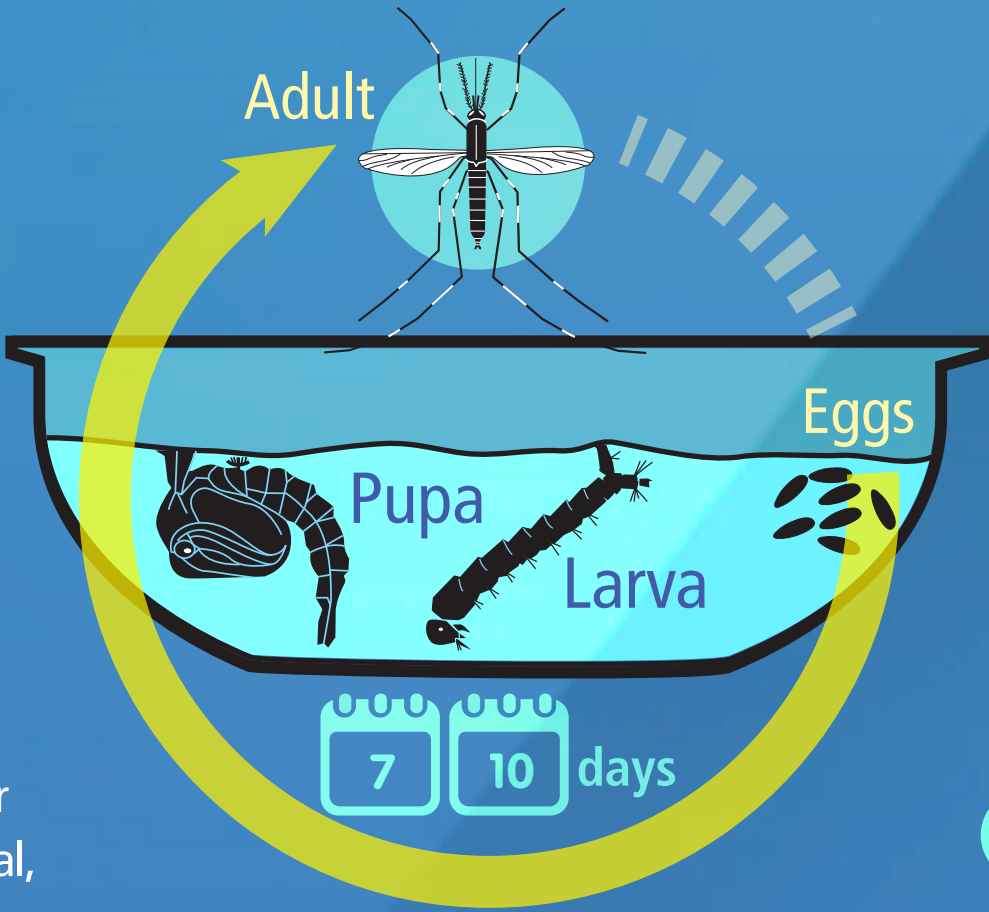
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It bites primarily early in the morning and at sunset, but also at other times of the day

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Females bite and are responsible for disease transmission

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It needs blood to reproduce

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It's black with white lyre-shaped markings and banded legs

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It sucks blood every three or four days or sometimes more frequently



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Shortly after a blood meal, females lay their eggs in the inside walls of any container with clean standing water

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A female *Aedes* can lay around **400 eggs** during her lifetime

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Aedes eggs can **resist drought** and **survive** for up to a year

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An egg can develop into a larva, pupa and adult within **7 to 10 days**

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An adult mosquito can live **4 to 6 weeks**



No breeding sites, no mosquitoes, no dengue, chikungunya or Zika

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