JAPANESE ENCEPHALITIS VIRUS March 2023 Stakeholder Pack



Department of Health and Aged Care

You are receiving this pack because you are a key stakeholder with important connections in your community. We encourage you to share the resources in this pack across your networks.

INTRODUCTION



The risk of mosquito-borne diseases like Japanese encephalitis virus (JEV) is higher in warm, wet weather, but it's important to be vigilant and protect yourself against mosquito bites wherever you are. People should understand that JEV is a serious illness that is spread though bites from mosquitos, which become infected through biting infected pigs and water birds.

People should be aware of mosquito activity around waterways, such as lakes, creeks, rivers or dams, particularly where animals that can infect mosquitoes with JEV, such as waterbirds and pigs are present. People who are travelling to these areas over coming months should plan to protect themselves from mosquito bites. You can reduce your risk of being bitten by a mosquito by following these simple steps:

- apply effective insect repellent on exposed skin,
- wear long loose-fitting clothes that covers exposed skin,
- cover all windows, doors, vents and entrances with insect screens and
- remove or empty containers which may hold stagnant water where mosquitos may breed.





What's included in the Stakeholder Pack

In this pack you will find helpful information and translated resources about Japanese encephalitis virus (JEV) including written resources, audio grabs, social posts and tiles that you can share with your community.



LATEST UPDATES



Japanese encephalitis virus translations webpage

The Department of Health and Aged Care has launched a new translations webpage to assist families from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds:

Japanese encephalitis (JEV) resources (translated information) | Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care

The translated resources include what JEV is, symptoms, safety measures and how we are responding to the virus.

Across 14 languages, assets are available in video, written and visual formats.

Please share the link <u>health.gov.au/jev-translated-information</u> with your communities, as an available in-language resource.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP



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SHARE

Share this email with the link to download the stakeholder pack with your network.



POST

Share the resources in this stakeholder pack with your community by posting on social media platforms or messaging apps such as WhatsApp, Viber, WeChat, KakaoTalk or Facebook Messenger.



DISCUSS

Start conversations about Japanese encephalitis with community members at your place of work, or community and migrant centres.

RESOURCE MATERIAL



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These resources include in-language poster, factsheet, bookmark, postcard & audio grabs.



Click on images to view resources OR visit: health.gov.au/jev-translated-information

SOCIAL POST AND TILE



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If you're near water, remember to make sure you're covered against mosquito-borne diseases like Japanese encephalitis virus (JEV).

Protect yourself by:

 ▲ applying repellent containing DEET, picaridin or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus on exposed skin, and use insecticides and mosquito coils, especially at dusk and dawn
 ▲ wearing long, light-coloured, loose-fitting clothes outside, especially at dusk and dawn

▲ ensuring accommodation is properly fitted with mosquito nets or screens on windows, doors, vents and other entrances

emptying any water-holding containers where mosquitoes may breed.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION



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