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Recently the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) issued information about the Zika Virus which is mostly spread by the bite of an infected mosquito.

The City of Copperas Cove Division of Emergency Management constantly monitors this type of information and evaluates the information and how it pertains to our community.

A number of diseases are known to be transmitted by the bite of an infected mosquito. However not all mosquitos are infected with some or all of the known diseases.

The City of Copperas Cove Drainage Department is charged with the maintenance of drainage facilities on City of Copperas Cove right-of-way. When drainage department staff encounter stagnant standing water they utilize industry standard techniques to interrupt the mosquito life cycle.

The City of Copperas Cove Division of Emergency Management staff are not aware of any cases of diseases being spread within our community from the bite of mosquitos. City staff continually monitors not only our local community but also the regional, state and federal information streams for issues that could affect our community in order to be ready to act accordingly to protect the safety of our citizens.

However, should any citizen have concerns or experience any signs or symptoms of disease they should seek an evaluation from a qualified medical professional.

Other Information Sources:

<http://www.cdc.gov/zika/index.html>

http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/preparedness/factsheet_mosquitoes.shtm

REFERENCES:

<http://www.cdc.gov/zika/pdfs/Zika-What-We-Know-Infographic.pdf>

<http://www.cdc.gov/westnile/prevention/index.html>

Sincerely;



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