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DOH-Lafayette Issues Mosquito-Borne Illness Advisory

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Lafayette, Fla.—The Florida Department of Health in Lafayette County (DOH-Lafayette) is informing residents that Eastern equine encephalitis virus was detected in a group of sick emus. As there is a risk of transmission to humans, continued awareness and preventative measures are important.

DOH-Lafayette reminds the community to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes by taking these [basic precautions](#).

The Department continues to conduct statewide surveillance for mosquito-borne illnesses, including West Nile virus infections, Eastern equine encephalitis, St. Louis encephalitis, malaria, chikungunya, and dengue. Residents of Florida are encouraged to report dead birds to the [Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's](#) site.

For more information, visit the [Department's website](#) or contact your county health department.

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