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Chikungunya (pronounced as Chik-un-gun-yah) is caused by a virus transmitted by mosquitoes.

- The virus is cycled between mosquitoes and humans. There is no vaccine for this disease.



- These mosquitoes are called Asian Tiger Mosquitoes that breed in water-filled containers.
- They are common to people's yards and properties where children's toys, pet dishes, plant trays, boat wells, tarps, old tires, and anything that will hold even a little bit of water for 3-4 days will last. Screening over water supplies for gardening purposes is recommended.
- The best way to control these mosquitoes is to drain these containers of water and clean up the yard by removing the containers that will breed these mosquito pests.
- Tip over toys, buckets, etc. to keep these mosquitoes from laying their eggs on the containers' sides where they will hatch in just a few days whenever they get wet again.
- Symptoms of the disease can include fever, joint pain, joint swelling, headaches, muscle pain, rash. "Contorted fever" and "that which bends up" describe Chikungunya's effects.
- Wearing mosquito repellents that contain DEET is proven to be effective against Asian Tiger Mosquitoes. Use common sense in applying repellents. Watch for reactions as some people may be allergic to ingredients in the repellent. Read & follow the label directions.
- For more information, consult Centers for Disease Control – <http://www.cdc.gov/chikungunya/>