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GLACVCD Modified Services in Response to COVID-19

Protecting the health of our employees and the community we serve is our top priority. The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District is committed to helping slow the spread of COVID-19 and is modifying its services and staff schedule in accordance with the CDC and local public health recommendations. At this time, both District offices in Santa Fe Springs and Sylmar are temporarily closed to the public and we are suspending all residential requests for service.

Although our facilities are closed, we remain committed to protecting public health and will continue to operate mission-critical programs to ensure we control the threat of mosquito-borne viruses. Depending on weather conditions, staff will continue to conduct surveillance as well as inspect and treat accessible large and chronic mosquito breeding sources such as gutters, flood control channels, and parks. We will also continue to operate our outreach and educational programs remotely.

COVID-19 and Mosquitoes:

It is important to remember that COVID-19 is not transmitted through the bite of a mosquito. However, other viruses, such as West Nile virus, can be.

Therefore, residents are asked to be proactive in the coming weeks while they stay close to home by eliminating mosquito sources around and inside their property, especially after a rain event. The following steps will help reduce the threat of mosquito-transmitted diseases and mosquito breeding this coming season:

- Eliminate standing water in clogged rain gutters, rain barrels, discarded tires, buckets, watering troughs or anything that holds water for more than a week.
- Ensure that swimming pools, spas, and ponds are properly maintained.
- Change the water in pet dishes, birdbaths and other small containers weekly.
- Wear EPA-recommended insect repellent when outdoors where mosquitoes may be present.

The recent rain has increased standing water and has created additional breeding sources for mosquitoes. Residents experiencing issues with mosquitoes, should visit our DIY Resource Page (<https://www.glacvcd.org/resources/diy-mosquito-solutions/>) to learn how they can prevent mosquito breeding on their property.

Service Requests and More Information:

The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District will continue to respond to messages from the public by email at info@glacvcd.org. For further information and to subscribe to the District's e-Alert notifications, they visit www.glacvcd.org.

District staff will continue to attend all COVID-19 briefings and follow the recommendations of the Los Angeles Department of Public Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The District will continue to provide updates via our website and social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter).

By following public health recommendations and personal hygiene measures, we can all do our part to help stop the spread of COVID-19. Once this global health emergency is abated, the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District looks forward to serving your respective city needs. Thank you for your understanding.