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To: PCPs
From: IEHP – Provider Relations
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Subject: **Public Health Advisory Chikungunya & Dengue in Mexico and Latin America**

The California Department of Public Health issued a Health and Travel Advisory about the increase in chikungunya and ongoing dengue infections in certain regions of Mexico and Latin America. The advisory is attached for your reference.

Thus far in 2015, three probable cases of chikungunya have been reported for Riverside County. It appears that the infections were acquired in Mexico. No dengue cases have been reported in the county. Although May through October is considered peak season for vector borne disease activity, it is important for health care providers to consider chikungunya and dengue in patients with a history of travel to areas affected by chikungunya or dengue. Please refer to the resources listed in the Health and Travel Advisory for educational materials for patients.

Year to date for 2015, 134 cases of West Nile Virus (WNV), have been reported for the county with six WNV associated deaths. This is in contrast to the 15 and 40 WNV cases reported in 2014 & 2013 respectively. Suspect and confirmed cases of chikungunya and dengue should be reported to Disease Control by calling (951) 358-5107 during regular business hours or (951) 782-7974 for the Public Health duty officer.

Health and Travel Advisory:

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Documents/Travel%20advisory%20Dec%209%202015.pdf>

Is it Chikungunya or Dengue?

http://www.cdc.gov/dengue/resources/Poster_CHIKV_DENV_Comparison_Healthcare_Providers.pdf

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