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Circular regarding Prevention and Control of Vector Borne Diseases (Dengue, Chikungunya & Malaria).

The season of occurrence of Vector Borne Diseases like Dengue, Chikungunya & Malaria in Delhi has started. These are all mosquito generated diseases and sometimes gain epidemic proportions if preventive measures are not taken. Prevention is the best method to control any disease. In order to control and prevent the outbreak of Dengue, Chikungunya & Malaria, it is essential to prevent breeding of mosquitoes and students should be made aware of this.

Please take note of the following awareness instructions to follow at school and home-

- To avoid mosquito bites, wear full-sleeved clothing and use mosquito repellents. Put wire mesh on windows to prevent entry of mosquitoes (if possible).
- Cover all water tanks and containers with well fitted lids to prevent breeding of mosquitoes.
- All overhead and other water tanks/containers are kept properly covered with lid and overflow pipe/air vent are covered with wire mesh/cloth. In case of missing/broken lids matter may be taken up with PWD on priority.
- All coolers should be scrubbed and cleaned once a week and mopped dry before. refilling water.
- In coolers that cannot be emptied, put one tablespoon of Petrol/Diesel.
- All unused containers, junk materials, tyres, coconut shells etc. should be properly disposed off.
- Change water in flower vases, plant pots, bird pots every week to prevent mosquito breeding.
- Cover the toilet seat if going out of home for more than a week.
- Use bed net at home and hospital during dengue fever to prevent mosquito bite and to interrupt transmission. Use acrosol, vaporizers (coils/mats) during day time.
- Collection of stagnant water should not be allowed inside school premises, if same does take place a little quantity of petrol/diesel may be put in such stagnant water collection.
- Don't allow water to stagnate in and around houses.

Also, take note of the following DO's and DON'Ts regarding the same-

DO's	DON'Ts
Cover all water tanks and containers with well fitted lids to prevent mosquito breeding.	Do not keep water containers open as they can attract mosquitoes to breed.
Empty, scrub and dry, coolers every week before refilling to prevent breeding of mosquitoes. Paint inside of coolers before use in summer.	Don't use the old grass of cooler in the next Season and properly dispose off the same.
All unused containers, junk materials, tyres, coconut shells etc. should be properly disposed off.	Don't throw broken utensils, unused bottles, tins, old tyres and other junks in open as Aedes mosquitoes breed in these objects during rainy season.
Change water in flower vases, plant pots, Bird post every week to prevent mosquito Breeding.	Don't allow water to stagnate in and around houses in coolers, buckets, barrels, flower pots, Bird baths, freeze trays, coconut shells etc.
Cover the toilet seat if going out of home for more than a week.	Don't depend only on platelet count for diagnosis of Dengue.
To avoid mosquito bites wear full- sleeved clothing and use mosquito repellents to prevent mosquito bites. Put wire mesh on doors and windows to prevent entry of mosquitoes.	Do not allow children to wear short sleeved clothes and play in water puddles and stagnant water bodies.
Use bed net at home and hospital during dengue fever to prevent mosquito bite and to interrupt transmission, Use aerosol, vaporizers(Coils/Mats) during day time	
Take Paracetamol, plenty of fluids and rest in case of fever	Don't use Aspirin, lbuproffen, Nimusulide And over the counter medicines for lowering down body temperature
Create awareness among community	Do not create panic. Dengue, and Chikungunya are self limited diseases in most cases and Malaria is treatable.

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