

# What you need to know about *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes

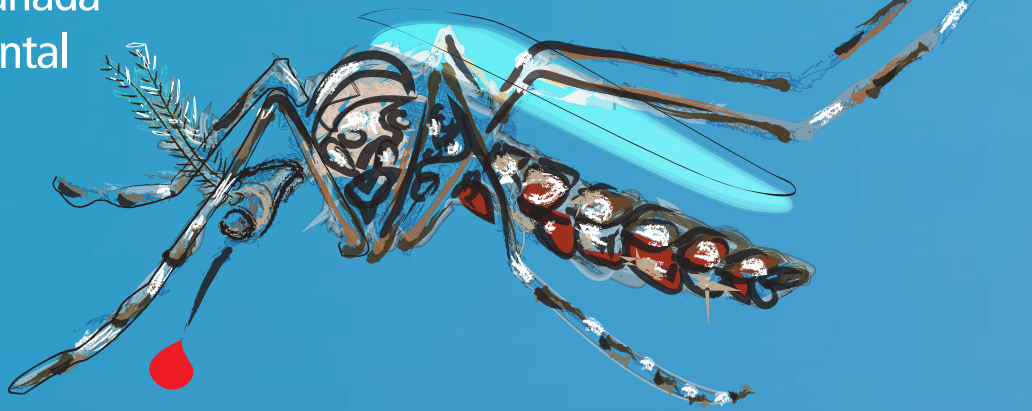


*Aedes aegypti* is the main carrier for dengue, chikungunya and Zika viruses



**1**  
It's found throughout the Americas, except in Canada and continental Chile

**2**  
It's well adapted to human settlements, living in and around homes



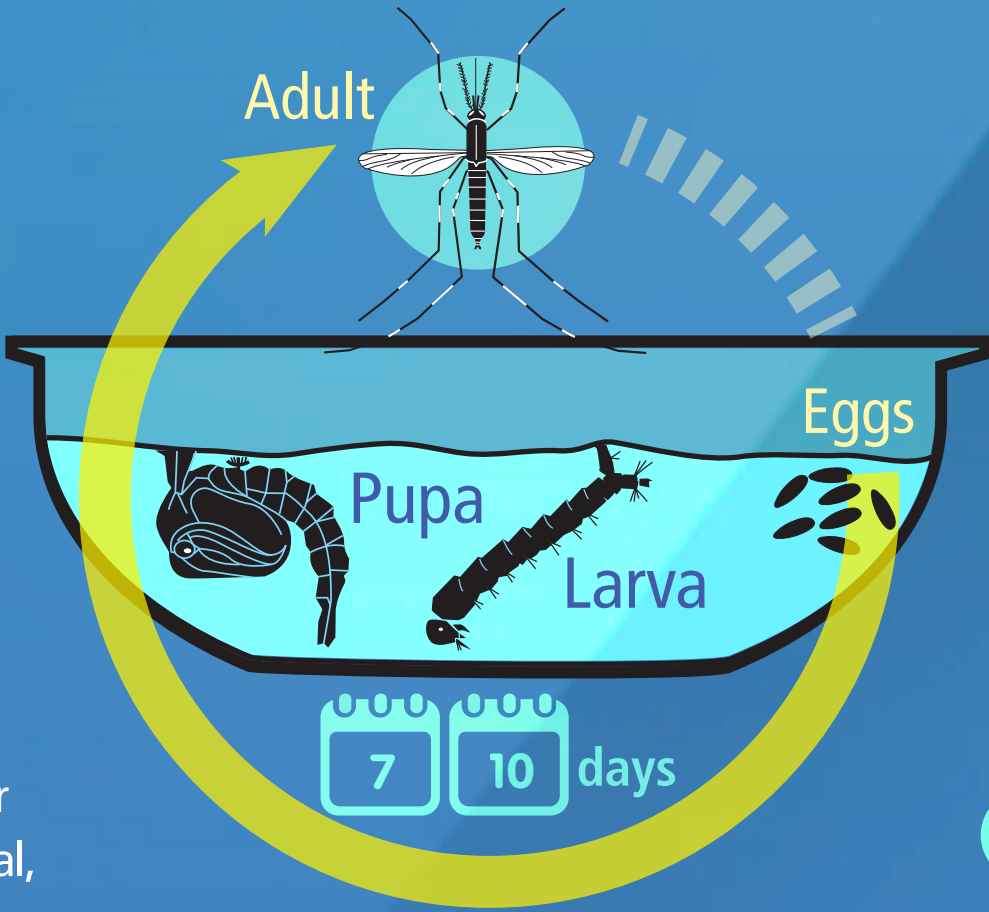
**3**  
It bites primarily early in the morning and at sunset, but also at other times of the day

**4**  
Females bite and are responsible for disease transmission

**5**  
It needs blood to reproduce

**6**  
It's black with white lyre-shaped markings and banded legs

**7**  
It sucks blood every three or four days or sometimes more frequently



**8**  
Shortly after a blood meal, females lay their eggs in the inside walls of any container with clean standing water

**9**  
A female *Aedes* can lay around **400 eggs** during her lifetime

**10**  
*Aedes* eggs can **resist drought** and **survive** for up to a year

**11**  
An egg can develop into a larva, pupa and adult within **7 to 10 days**

**12**  
An adult mosquito can live **4 to 6 weeks**



**No breeding sites, no mosquitoes, no dengue, chikungunya or Zika**

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