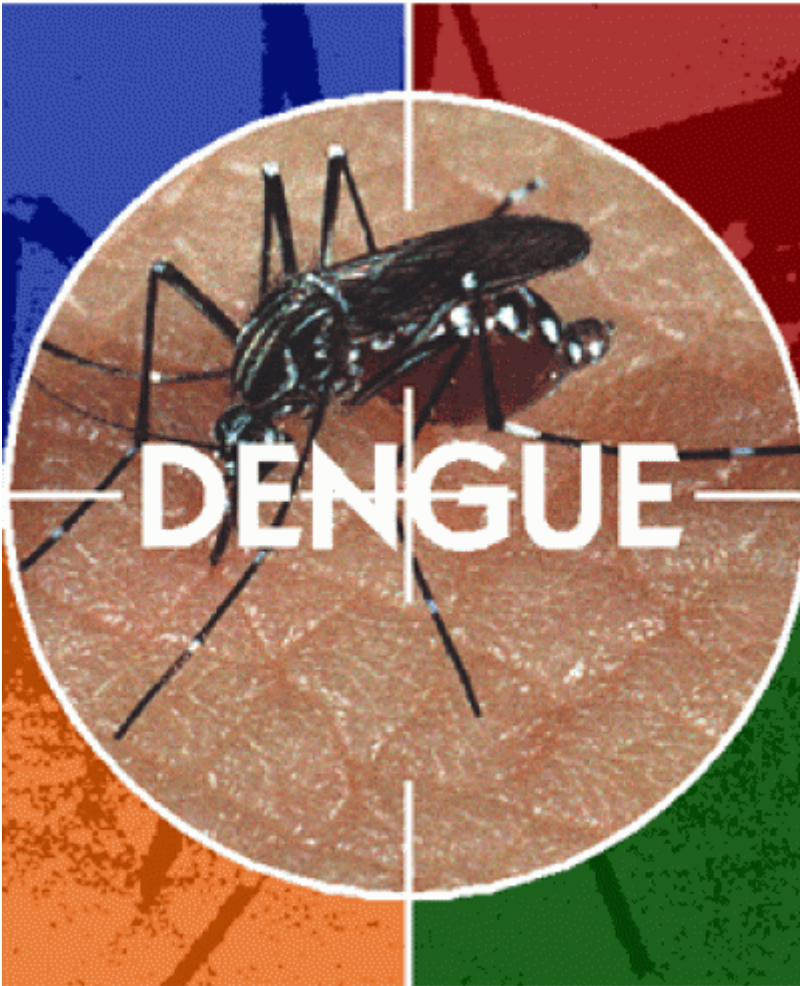


Cuban Health Authorities Alert on Increasing Dengue Prevalence



Havana, August 30 (RHC)-- The prevalence of Dengue in many countries of the world continues to pose a complex situation, said Cuban health authorities who alerted that the presence on the island of all four types of Dengue has triggered a major concern.

The alert was made by Doctor Gilberto Zamora, expert with the Ministry of Health during a prime-time TV show on Friday. Dengue has been identified in 35 Cuban municipalities, 15 of them in Havana, said Doctor Zamora, who called for a higher preparation of health professionals and the people after the four types of the virus have appeared in the country.

Doctor Rosaida Ochoa, head of Unit for Health Promotion and Prevention of Diseases, insisted on the need to take all precaution measures at homes, workplaces and schools to prevent the spread of Dengue.

She said that such measures will also protect the people from Chikungunya virus, which has been reported in only 13 cases.

Meanwhile, Doctor Alberto Duran who heads the Department of Transmissible Diseases at the Health Ministry called on the people to look for medical attention in the event symptoms like high fever, muscle pains, because the disease may evolve very fast.

He also alerted that the presence of abundant diarrheas in a short period of time is also a reason to immediately see a doctor, since cholera continues to be a threat.

Cuba has reinforced surveillance and control measures against the Ebola virus, said the director of the Pedro Kouri Tropical Medicine Institute, Doctor Jorge Perez, who also talked about ways in which the disease can be transmitted.



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