

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT

Essential Service #2

[Protect people from health problems and health hazards](#)

September is National Preparedness Month



September is recognized as National Preparedness Month, in honor of the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. It serves as a reminder that we all must take action to prepare, now and throughout the year, for the types of emergencies that could affect us where we live, work, and also where we visit. More info is available from our [Emergency Preparedness page](#).

Follow these four steps:

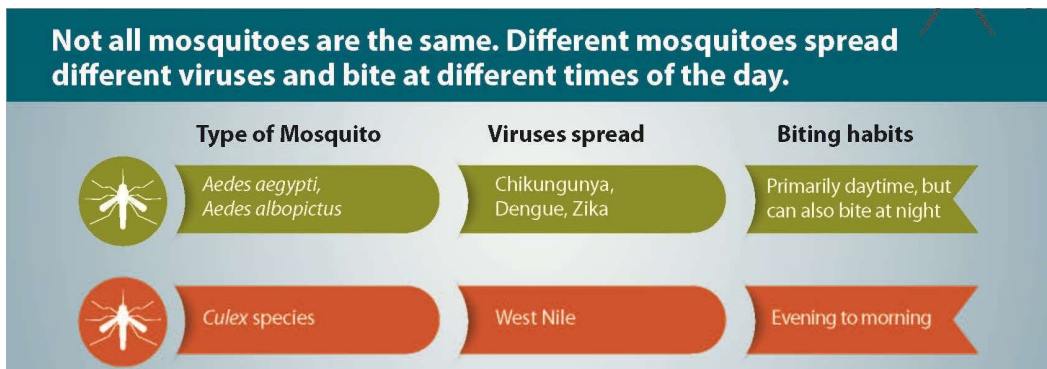
- **Stay Informed**
- **Make a Plan**
- **Build a Kit**
- **Get Involved**

Ten essential services of Public Health

1. Monitor health status and understand health issues facing the community
2. Protect people from health problems and health hazards
3. Give people the information they need to make healthy choices
4. Engage the community to identify and solve health problems
5. Develop public health policies and plans
6. Enforce public health laws and regulations
7. Help people receive health services
8. Maintain a competent public health workforce
9. Evaluate and improve programs and interventions
10. Contribute to and apply the evidence base of public health

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This summer Kane County has seen evidence of West Nile Virus, which is carried by the Culex mosquito. Although the types of mosquitoes can vary, methods of fighting them do not: Use mosquito repellent, remove areas of standing water in your yard, and make sure window and door screens are repaired. Read more about how to prevent mosquito-borne diseases by clicking [here](#).



Zika update: Florida sees local transmission

Zika has been reported in the news recently in several states. The Kane County Health Department will continue to monitor the situation and post updates as they occur on our website. We encourage all Kane County residents who plan to travel to and from areas with active Zika virus transmission to take precautions by regularly checking [KCHD's Website](#) or the [CDC's Website](#) for the latest updates to protect you and your families.

Essential Service #5

Develop health policies and plans



Barbara Jeffers presents Dr. Stone with a token of appreciation for the service he has provided the residents of Kane County as a member of the Health Advisory Committee, as well as serving in several other capacities. He will be sorely missed.



Dr. David Stone is stepping down as a member of the Health Advisory Committee after serving in that capacity since June, 2009. He will be taking the position of Associate Vice-President for Research at Oakland University in Rochester, Mich.