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Dear Colleague,

Mosquitoes can transmit many diseases including West Nile, dengue, chikungunya, and Zika, just to name a few. It is important to know what diseases are circulating in your area and which laboratory tests should be considered. Your local public health department is available to provide you with the latest data on arboviral diseases as well as assist you with choosing the correct laboratory tests.

Whether it's questions on arboviruses and the diseases they cause, novel or exotic diseases, or routine disease reporting, your local public health department and public health regional office can be great resources for you and your patients. We encourage you to identify and reach out to your local health department/regional office and see how they can be of assistance to you. Please see the attached map or go to <http://www.dshs.texas.gov/idcu/investigation/conditions/contacts/> to find the Department of State Health Services Regional office or local public health department that serves your area.

Sincerely,

Infectious Disease Prevention Section

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