### Japanese encephalitis virus (JEV)

Make sure you’re covered

Mosquitoes can spread a range of diseases, such as Japanese encephalitis virus. Take simple steps to protect yourself.

* Screens on windows and entrances
* Wear long, loose fitting clothes
* Apply effective insect repellent
* Tip out stagnant water

Most people with JEV infections don’t experience symptoms, but on rare occasions it can result in serious illness and even death.

Some people experience fever and headache while those with severe illness may experience neck stiffness, vomiting (especially in children), disorientation, tremors, coma, and convulsions. Symptoms usually develop 5 to 15 days after being bitten by a mosquito.

If you or someone you know is experiencing symptoms, seek medical attention immediately.

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