

****MEDIA ADVISORY****

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**Florida Mosquito Control Professionals to Host Virtual Briefing on
Malaria, Dengue Fever, and Other Mosquito-Borne Diseases in Florida**

~Hurricane Season Can Lead to More Standing Water, Mosquito Population~

Tallahassee, Fla. – The Florida Mosquito Control Association (FMCA) will be holding a virtual media briefing and discussion regarding malaria, dengue and other mosquito-borne illnesses and the post-hurricane breeding ground that may elevate that risk in Florida. The Zoom panel discussion will be held at **1:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 12.**

As Floridians remain vigilant this hurricane season, highly trained scientists and professionals are working 24/7 to help ensure their safety.

Join experts from around the state to learn more about their work detecting and fighting mosquito-borne illnesses; using everything from horses and chickens to drones and scientific labs.

There will be an opportunity for media to ask questions and a recording of the virtual press briefing will be posted at www.yourfmca.org.

WHO: **Sandra Fisher-Grainger**, FMCA President, Director of Hernando County Mosquito Control
Phil Goodman, Chairman, Florida Keys Mosquito Control District
Chris Lesser, Director of the Manatee Mosquito Control District
Wade Brennan, Director of the Sarasota County Mosquito Control District
Moderator – Casey Crockett, PhD in Entomology, Azelis

WHAT: Virtual Press Conference –
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85385760120?pwd=OURTRWcvZnhVSnhRQOTNCMzVEbHZldz09>

Meeting ID: 853 8576 0120
Passcode: 596045

WHEN: Tuesday, September 12, 2023
1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. Eastern

About FMCA:

[The Florida Mosquito Control Association \(FMCA\)](#) is a not-for-profit association consisting of members from various fields including, but not limited to public health, entomology, medicine, military, engineering and more. The mission of the FMCA is to promote effective and environmentally sound control of disease-transmitting and pestiferous mosquitoes and other arthropods of public health importance, develop and enhance public interest, awareness, and support for the control of mosquitoes, and provide for the scientific advancement of members through our meetings, training and education.

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