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2 MORE MALARIA CASES CONFIRMED-- TOTAL NOW 7

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FL—The Palm Beach County Health Department confirmed the sixth and seventh cases of malaria today in two men 17 and 48 years old from an area that includes parts of Boynton Beach, West Palm Beach and Western Lake Worth. Both men are under going treatment and are expected to get better. **A medical alert for all of Palm Beach County for mosquito-borne disease remains in effect.**

During the medical alert mosquito control has been increasing its aerial spraying and larvicidal spraying in an effort to reduce the mosquito population. All county residents are being advised to avoid mosquito bites. If a person has been severely ill with high fever, vomiting, dizziness, headache and teeth chattering shivers they should report to their doctor or nearest hospital.

Malaria is a parasitic disease carried by the Anopheles mosquito and can be treated. The symptoms vary depending on which of the four human malaria strains has been contracted. All seven cases have been confirmed to be the Plasmodium vivax strain.

Precautions residents should take include: Wear Long Sleeves, long pants and socks when outside from Dusk to Dawn, Use an insect repellent containing DEET, drain any standing water from around the house and repair any broken screens or windows.

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