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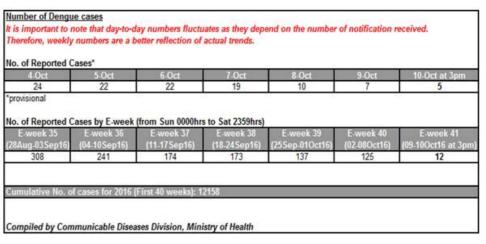
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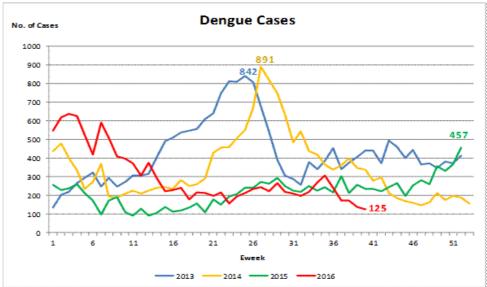
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125 dengue cases were reported in the week ending 08 Oct 2016, **12** cases fewer than in the previous week. We need to remain vigilant and continue to work as a community to suppress the *Aedes* mosquito population and keep dengue cases in check. As the same mosquito vector which transmits dengue also transmits Zika, yellow fever and chikungunya, the preventive measures implemented will also help to prevent Zika and other vector borne diseases from taking root in Singapore.

Source eradication of mosquito breeding habitats and spraying of insecticides to control the adult mosquito population remain key to dengue prevention, and we need to keep up with these efforts as we strive towards mitigating the forecast surge in cases. NEA, together with the various agencies and other stakeholders represented on the Inter-Agency Dengue Task Force (IADTF), including Town Councils, have been checking and ridding our public areas and housing estates of potential mosquito breeding habitats.

NEA encourages everyone to join in the collective effort to help stop the dengue transmission cycle by doing the 5-step Mozzie Wipeout. Those planning to go on vacation should mosquito-proof their homes before they travel. Those infected with dengue should also apply repellent to prevent mosquitoes from biting and picking up the virus from them, and those showing symptoms suggestive of dengue, should see their GPs early to be diagnosed. All of us, including residents, contractors, and business owners, have a part to play in preventing dengue. The latest updates on the dengue situation can be found at the Stop Dengue Now Facebook page, www.dengue.gov.sg or the myENV app.

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