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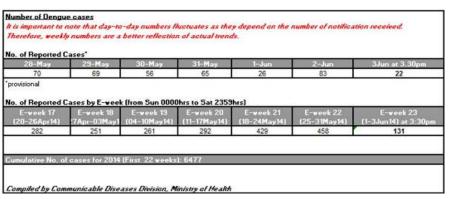
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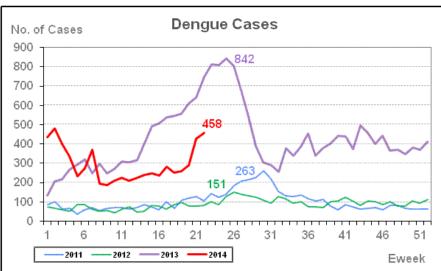
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In the week ending 31 May 2014, there were **458** reported cases of dengue. We have seen a sharp rise in the number of cases in recent weeks. DENV-1, the strain of virus that caused the 2013 epidemic, remains dominant. A large proportion of our population is still susceptible to dengue infection due to the lack of immunity. The hotter months of June to October are also when we usually see higher transmission of dengue in Singapore due to shortened breeding and maturation cycles for the Aedes mosquitoes and shorter incubation periods for the dengue virus.

The best way to mitigate this higher transmission is to continue efforts to reduce the mosquito population. NEA, together with the other Government agencies from the Inter-Agency Dengue Task Force, as well as all Town Councils, are continuing to check public areas and housing estates for potential breeding grounds, with officers carrying out daily checks for breeding habitats in these areas. NEA will also continue to inspect construction sites regularly, and where necessary, impose longer Stop Work Orders for sites where breeding is found, in order to break the transmission of the disease. In this past week, three more construction sites have been issued with Stop Work Orders. We will continue to prosecute recalcitrant errant contractors in court.

To protect ourselves, all of us need to play our part in removing stagnant water from our environment, so as to deprive the mosquitoes of their breeding habitats. We encourage everyone to be an advocate and remind his or her family members and neighbours to join in the effort to help stop the dengue transmission cycle. Those planning to go overseas for vacation during the upcoming school holidays should mosquito-proof their homes before they travel. Everyone has a part to play in preventing dengue.

The latest updates on the dengue situation can be found at www.dengue.gov.sg or the myENV app.