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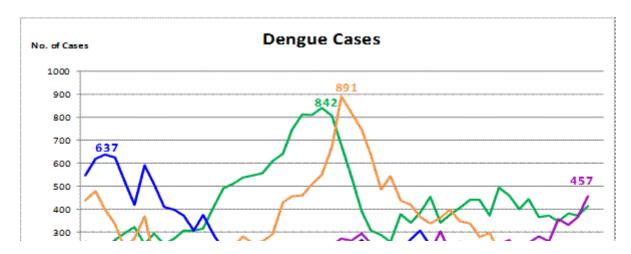
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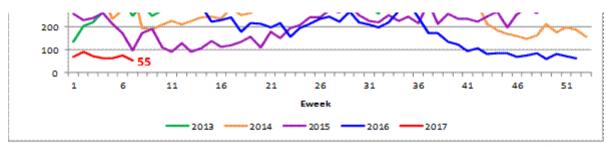
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Latest Dengue Data

| 18-Feb | 19-Feb | Z0-Feb | 21-Feb | 22-Feb | 23-Feb | 24-Feb at 3pm |
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| 6 | 4 | 8 | 9 | 7 | 8 | 7 |
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55 dengue cases were reported in the week ending 18 Feb 2017, **22** cases fewer than the previous week. While the current number of dengue cases is relatively low, NEA is forecasting that the number of cases could increase in the next few months, peaking in the middle of the year. A contributing factor and key concern is the higher Aedes aegypti mosquito population in the past month. NEA's Gravitrap surveillance system has detected about 65 per cent more Aedes aegypti mosquitoes in January 2017 than in October 2016. If left unchecked, the high Aedes aegypti population may lead to a surge in dengue cases in 2017. Another factor which may lead to an increase in dengue cases is the high diversity of circulating dengue serotypes. The predominant serotype for 2017 thus remains uncertain, following the dominance of DENV-2 in much of 2016. NEA therefore urges all members of the public and stakeholders to stay vigilant, and work together as a community to stem dengue transmission.

Source eradication of mosquito breeding habitats and spraying of insecticides to control the adult mosquito population remain key to dengue prevention. 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. All stakeholders need to remove stagnant water from our environment, so as to deprive the mosquitoes of their breeding habitats.

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.sq or the myENV app.

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