

# Malaria in the US: A Mayo Clinic expert offers insight, tips on prevention

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Deb Balzer | (TNS) Mayo Clinic News Network Malaria, a severe and potentially fatal disease most often caused by the bite of an infected mosquito, has been reported in the U.S. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released a health advisory because there have been instances of people getting infected with Plasmodium vivax malaria in Florida and Texas, even though they hadn't traveled outside the country. Malaria does not spread from person to person.