# Public Health Travel Advisory

valid 12 December 2025- 30 January 2026

- Arboviral Infections (Dengue, Chikungunya, Zika and Oropouche) pg.2
- Bacterial Infections (Leptospirosis) pg. 4











#### **Symptoms:**

Symptoms of Dengue, Chikungunya, Zika and Oropouche are similar, but may present somewhat differently.

The most important takeaway is that a presentation of fever with one other symptom is enough for a recommendation for testing.

- high fever (sometimes onset is abrupt)
- rash (can be blotchy, raised or flat, and may cover large areas of the body)
- headache (can be severe)
- nausea and vomiting
- muscle and joint pain (may also include swelling)
- other symptoms can include:
  - diarrhoea
  - fatigue
  - blood in feces or urine
  - swollen glands
  - bleeding gums or nose

#### Relevant for those travelling to/from:







Cuba



**Jamaica** 



Panama



Costa Rica



**Honduras** 

Have a fever AND at least one other symptom listed above?

#### **GET TESTED FOR FREE!**

Call the Public Health Department on 244-2889

#### **District Health Centres**

#### **Grand Cavman**

George Town Health Centre	949-8600
West Bay Health Centre	
Bodden Town Health Centre	
East End Health Centre	
North Side Health Centre	947-9525

#### Sister Islands

<ul> <li>Faith Hospital (Cayman Brac)</li> </ul>	948-2243
	948-0072

## Arboviral Chikungunya Zika Oropouche



#### Reduce your risk while travelling:

Arboviral infections are transmitted through the Aedes aegypti mosquitoes (dengue, chikungunya and zika), Aedes albopictus mosquitoes (chikungunya and zika), and Culicoides paraensis biting midges (oropouche).

Recommended precautions to prevent bites include:

- Wear long sleeves and pants
- Remove standing water
- Dispose of items that collect water
- Use window screens and/or mosquito nets
- Consider using mosquito nets when travelling to endemic areas
- Use insect repellents containing at least 50% DEET to help prevent mosquito bites and reduce your risk of infection.

None of these illnesses are endemic to the Cayman Islands.
The Cayman Islands has a robust mosquito control programme.
For more information, or to report an increase in mosquito activity in your area, please contact:



#### Mosquito Research and Control Unit (MRCU):

Grand Cayman.....949-2557
 Cayman Brac.....948-2223



#### Department of Environmental Health (DEH)

Department of	- Grand Cayman	949-6696
	- Cayman Brac	

### Bacterial Infections







#### **Symptoms:**

- Fever or chills
- Severe headache
- Muscle aches (especially in calves and back)
- Red eyes
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhoea
- Jaundice (yellowing of eyes/skin)
- Abdominal pain
- Rash
- Dark urine
- Feeling extremely weak or unwell

#### Relevant for those travelling to/from:



Jamaica



\*Leptospirosis is endemic in Cuba and the incidence is anticipated to be higher after hurricane related flooding

#### **ALERT & PRECAUTIONS**

There is an outbreak of leptospirosis in Jamaica due to recent severe weather conditions. While person-to-person transmission does not occur,

exposure can happen through contaminated water, soil, food, or surfaces.

IF YOU EXPERIENCE ANY OF THESE SYMPTOMS, SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION IMMEDIATELY.

#### **District Health Centres**

#### **Grand Cayman**

- George Town Health Centre	949-8600
West Bay Health Centre	949-3439
Bodden Town Health Centre	
East End Health Centre	
North Side Health Centre	

#### Sister Islands

<ul> <li>Faith Hospital (Cayman Brac)</li> </ul>	948-2243
	0.40,0070

### Bacterial Leptospirosis Infections



#### Reduce your risk while travelling:

- Avoid walking in or touching floodwater, muddy areas, or stagnant water.
- Wear protective footwear in wet or contaminated environments.
- Wash hands and body thoroughly after exposure to animals, soil, or water.
- Keep open cuts or abrasions covered and dry.
- Seek medical attention early, do not wait for symptoms to worsen.

While rats are the main carriers of the bacteria that causes leptospirosis, cats and dogs can also be impacted.

The bacteria can also live in soil.

For information on restrictions relating to pets and/or produce from impacted areas, please contact:



Department of Agriculture
- Grand Cayman.....947-3090