What you need to know about Aedes aegypti mosquitoes

- **Aedes aegypti** is the main carrier for dengue, chikungunya and Zika viruses

1. It's found throughout the Americas, except in Canada and continental Chile
2. It's well adapted to human settlements, living in and around homes
3. It bites primarily early in the morning and at sunset, but also at other times of the day
4. Females bite and are responsible for disease transmission
5. It needs blood to reproduce
6. It's black with white lyre-shaped markings and banded legs
7. It sucks blood every three or four days or sometimes more frequently
8. Shortly after a blood meal, females lay their eggs in the inside walls of any container with clean standing water
9. A female Aedes can lay around 400 eggs during her lifetime
10. Aedes eggs can resist drought and survive for up to a year
11. An egg can develop into a larva, pupa and adult within 7 to 10 days
12. An adult mosquito can live 4 to 6 weeks

No breeding sites, no mosquitoes, no dengue, chikungunya or Zika

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