

Bug Facts

- Bug Talk provides education about diseases we can get from the bite of an infected mosquito, tick or other 'bug' to companies and organizations.
- With no vaccines for most of these illnesses, the best defense is education about how to avoid them.
- There are likely over one hundred of these germs that can infect humans; generally 5 to 10 are frequently mentioned like West Nile, Lyme Disease, Malaria and Rocky Mountain Fever.
- The names of other infections are now becoming more well-known as they become more commonly known diseases in the US. These include dengue, chikungunya, Eastern Equine Encephalitis, Alpha Gal syndrome and Jamestown Canyon. Still other germs specifically infect domestic and farm animals and wildlife such as avian flu.
- Bug diseases account for some 17% of all new infectious diseases; one in every two persons in the Americas are at risk of being infected.
- Bug diseases are part of a larger group of diseases called zoonotic illnesses, meaning they are transferred from animals to humans.
- The World Health Organization (WHO) reports that 80% of the world's population live in areas that put them at risk for contracting one major vector disease.
- These illnesses are growing in numbers and strength fueled by climate change and rising temperatures as they spread to new geographic areas in this country and around the world.

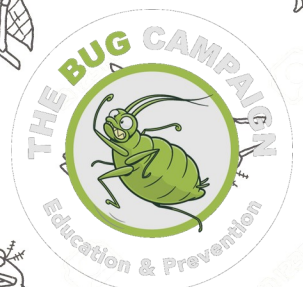
**While the term 'bug' is not the scientific nomenclature for all invertebrates and vectors, it is useful terminology for public conversations.*

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BUG DISEASE EDUCATION
Disease Prevention
For Organizations/Companies



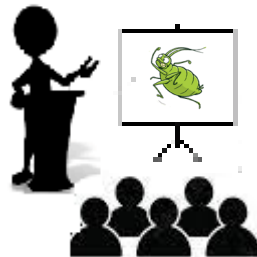
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AN EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVE



What IS Bug Talk?

- It is a part of our Don't Bug Me educational project offering vector-borne (bug) disease education to companies, non-profits and community groups, churches/houses of faith, the military and schools; offered to staff and colleagues during a regular staff or other meeting at a designated time at your convenience on your premises.



Why IS It?

- Our mission is to make educational information about these infectious diseases available to the public with emphasis on communities which have been historically underserved, and have insufficient access to healthcare services and digital information.



What Are Its Terms?

- There is no obligation to organizations that are invited to become 'bug talkers'. This does not preclude our appreciation for support for our work as you deem appropriate or possible.

HOW DOES It Work?

- Inform us that you want to talk about bug diseases. We will then schedule a preliminary meeting with you to discuss the type of educational service you prefer, written or a presentation/dialogue with your colleagues and staff; and schedule a date, time and duration.
- We can also provide specialized children's education for families and schools.

For Additional Information How to Schedule a Bug Talk*

Contact Sandra Jordan
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With thanks for helping us initiate Bug Talk



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**Currently we can offer this service to a limited number of groups until we build capacity to include others. We reserve the right to refuse any entity that does not meet our criteria for diversity & inclusivity or that provides products/services that we believe are not in the best interest of communities/neighborhoods.*