

What is Dengue Fever?

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About Dengue Fever:

- It is an illness **spread by the bite of mosquitos infected with** one of the **dengue viruses**.
- It is spread by **Aedes mosquitos**, which also carry viruses like Zika and chikungunya.
- The virus is most **commonly found in tropical and subtropical** regions, including Central and South America, Africa, parts of Asia and the Pacific Islands.
- Mild dengue fever causes a **high fever and flu-like symptoms**.
- The **severe form of dengue fever, also called dengue hemorrhagic fever**, can cause **serious bleeding, a sudden drop in blood pressure** (shock) and death.
- **It isn't contagious from person to person** except when **passed from a pregnant person to their child**.
- **Treatment:** There is **no specific treatment for dengue**. The focus is on treating pain symptoms.

Q1) What is chikungunya?

Chikungunya is a disease transmitted to humans by mosquitoes in Africa, Asia, and the Americas; sporadic outbreaks have been reported in other regions. There is currently no approved vaccine or specific treatment for chikungunya virus infections.

Source: [Dengue virus in India has evolved, scientists highlight urgent need for vaccine](#)

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