

# Iloilo dengue cases drop

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There has been a significant drop in mosquito-borne disease dengue in Iloilo City.



An *Aedes aegypti* mosquito (Credits: Flickr | Oregon State University | Manila Bulletin)

Based on data from the Iloilo City Health Office, there were only 66 cases recorded between January to March this year.

In comparison, there were 183 cases for the same period of last year.

While the number of cases are much lower, Mayor Jed Patrick Mabilog urged

residents not to be contended and continue clean up drives.

Iloilo City recorded the country's first Zika virus last year. From September 2016 until January 2017, there were more than a dozen cases of Zika in Iloilo City.

Dr. Mae Delmo, Assistant City Health Chief, said that they continue to distribute free larvicides in the city's barangays.

Delmo also reminded village chiefs to keep up with the cleaning every Saturday to prevent the creation of breeding ground for mosquitoes.

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