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MEMORANDUM

TO: School Personnel
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SUBJ: School Sprayings
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Due to the recent rain events, Ouachita Parish is experiencing increased floodwater mosquito activity. Ouachita Parish Mosquito Abatement District (OPMAD) is aware of the issue and is working hard to help alleviate the problem. Please be aware that as the rains continue the increased mosquito activity will as well.

As a result of the increased activity, OPMAD is currently spraying all schools on a rotational basis every morning before dawn. Due to the number of schools in Ouachita parish (including private and parochial), this rotation takes approximately a week to complete. We will continue this rotation as long as needed. This does not include weekly sprayings for all home football games. Those sprayings will begin/continue separately.

Though these mosquitoes are not the primary vectors of disease, it is still recommended that when working or playing outdoors a repellent containing an EPA approved active ingredient is worn. Examples of those active ingredients are DEET, Picaridin, and Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus. Repellent will be donated to schools via their school board's central office for dispersal.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 323-3535 or srider@oppi.org.

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