

Jakarta struggling with dengue fever fight

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Attempts to control the potential spread of dengue fever in Jakarta have been thwarted by area residents' hesitancy to embrace the health movement.

The Jakarta Post reported Saturday that recent efforts in the Indonesian capital to prevent the spread of dengue fever have been limited as local residents have kept prevention teams from entering their homes.

"We are facing difficulties monitoring each house because most of the residents do not let us enter their homes even though we've already worn uniforms as identification," a community unit team member named Rosita said.

The prevention officials said local residents appeared ill-informed of the growing health threat and hesitant to help in the fight against its spread.

The dengue virus is carried by the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito and the prevention effort has been oriented toward eliminating the insect's larvae within city limits.

The newspaper said that while some students in the city have been educated about the hazard, that knowledge has not spread throughout Jakarta to date.

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