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Illnesses on the rise from mosquito, tick, and flea bites

Vital Signs – May 2018

- Mosquito and tick bites are threatening our health.
- Disease cases from mosquito, tick, and flea bites more than tripled in the US from 2004 to 2016.
- Zika is among nine new germs discovered or introduced in the U.S. since 2004.
- Better control of ticks and mosquitoes is needed to protect people from these diseases.
- Local health departments and vector control organizations are our main defense.
- Yet 84% of these local organizations lack 1 or more core competencies.
- What can be done?
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