Asian Tiger Mosquito - Your New Worst Friend

As Tony Montana says in the movie Scareface - "Say Hello to My Little Friend"

Actually the Asian tiger mosquito could be your new worst friend... The Asian tiger mosquito (from south east Asia), is now found in 27 US states. By usual standards this mosquito is tiny, but that is not a positive, because not only is it small, it is very fast and so is its bite. The biggest problem is that it can transmit more than 20 diseases, including: West Nile fever, dengue fever, yellow fever, St. Louis encephalitis, AND a round worm that causes heart-worm in dogs and cats.

Another two things set this mosquito apart from others - unlike most mosquitoes that are active at dusk/dawn, this one bites all day long! The other thing is it doesn't need to live in wetlands etc, which means it is far more likely to move into towns and cities. Check out the link below for more information on the Asian tiger mosquito. Forewarned is forearmed!

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