So much of the strength in our churches, schools and other organizations comes from those who step forward and give their time and talent to volunteer for our various activities and fundraisers. However, because these valuable contributors are not employees, they are not regulated by the same policies as other personnel. They may lack the qualifications or necessary credentials to do certain jobs, or the proper insurance coverage, which can leave organizations vulnerable to liability. As we begin to enter in to the warmer months - with all of their many opportunities for volunteer service - we encourage you to review our Volunteer Coordinator Manual and our Volunteer Coordinator Quick Guide to ensure a productive and risk-free volunteer season for everyone.
Now that spring is here, it’s time to start thinking about mosquitoes again. While they may seem like petty annoyances, those pesky little guys actually carry with them some pretty big health hazards, including West Nile virus and the new threat that has been making headlines since last fall, the Zika virus. We invite you to visit our CARES library for information on mosquito safety, and, as always, to contact our risk management department if you have any questions on best practices.

Bloodborne Pathogen Training

Did you know that OSHA’s Bloodborne Pathogens standard 1910.1030 may require you to provide training for your employees whose position puts them at a reasonable risk of coming into contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials? This valuable training can limit exposure to the risk of bloodborne pathogens such as hepatitis B and C, and HIV for employees and Catholic Mutual is proud to be able to offer it to our member dioceses. You can complete the training via online video, which you can access here, or learn more information about bloodborne pathogens in our CARES library.

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