



# What is Malaria?

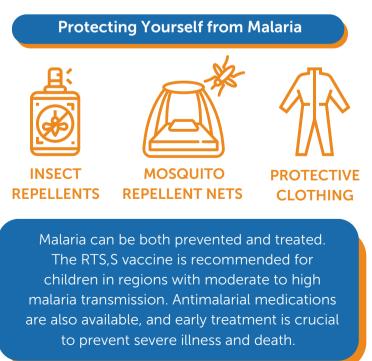


Malaria is a preventable and curable life-threatening disease caused by parasites of the Plasmodium genus.

## **Did You Know?**

Those at higher risk of severe malaria include children under 5, people who are pregnant, people with HIV/AIDS, and non-immune travelers.

People can protect themselves from malaria by avoiding mosquito bites, through measures such as using insect repellents, sleeping under insecticide-treated mosquito nets, and wearing protective clothing.



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#### **Disease Transmission**

Malaria is transmitted through the bites from infected mosquitoes and can also be spread via blood transfusions or contaminated needles.



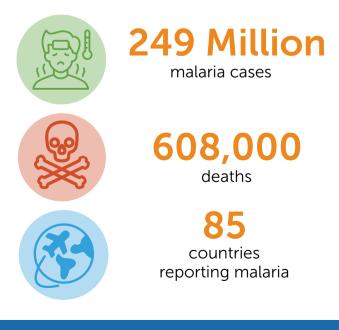
#### **Symptoms**

Malaria symptoms typically present as **fever**, **headache**, **and chills**. If not treated within 24 hours of fever onset, some cases of malaria can lead to severe complications or death.



### **By the Numbers**

In 2022, there were an estimated 249 million malaria cases and 608,000 malaria deaths in 85 countries.



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