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## **In our series "What's the Risk?", experts weigh in on what risks different scenarios pose of transmitting COVID-19.**

When it comes to 1 \_\_\_\_\_ sick with COVID-19, you might be thinking about this, and we have too. Croft McCready 2 \_\_\_\_\_ asking: "Can someone get COVID-19 from mosquitoes?"

We asked the experts: Dr. Irfan N. Hafiz, an 3 \_\_\_\_\_ disease physician and 4 \_\_\_\_\_ medical officer for Northwestern Medicine's 5 \_\_\_\_\_ region; Katie Cary, vice president of infection prevention for HCA Continental Division; and Dr. Jasmine Marcellin, an infectious 6 \_\_\_\_\_ specialist at Nebraska Medicine.

Their take: There's only a 7 \_\_\_\_\_ risk of contracting COVID-19 from mosquitoes.

"No, it cannot be 8 \_\_\_\_\_ by mosquitoes. And there actually has been some studies done on this saying that it will not be spread by mosquitoes. It's a 9 \_\_\_\_\_ virus," Cary said.

"COVID-19 is spread by 10 \_\_\_\_\_ and so it requires a person to cough, speak, 11 \_\_\_\_\_, and then somebody else to get those droplets onto their mucous 12 \_\_\_\_\_, so anywhere on their face," Marcellin said.

"They really are not adapted to existing and 13 \_\_\_\_\_ in an organism such as a mosquito. They're cold-blooded, so it's very hard for them to be able to 14 \_\_\_\_\_ and actually survive there, unless they're actually 15 \_\_\_\_\_ adapted to do that, which really COVID is not," Hafiz said.