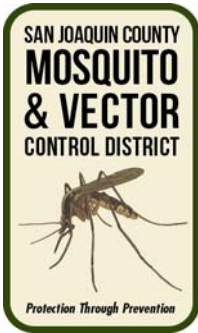


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INCREASED WEST NILE VIRUS ACTIVITY IN SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY – RIPON AREA *Residents Urged To Take Precautions From Mosquito Bites*

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(STOCKTON, CA) – San Joaquin County Mosquito and Vector Control District’s (District) mosquito-borne disease surveillance program confirmed additional West Nile virus (WNV) positive mosquito samples and a WNV positive dead bird in the southern portion of San Joaquin County, primarily in the Ripon area. “The District will continue to treat and monitor the area to reduce mosquito populations and the risk of WNV”, said John Fritz, Assistant Manager of the District. “Ground spraying for adult mosquito control will begin in the early morning of Friday, June 23, 2017. Additional ground and aerial treatments may be needed in the following weeks to reduce the risk of WNV based on the results of our surveillance system,” said Fritz.

Adult mosquito control operations can be found on the District’s website at sjmosquito.org. Residents can sign up for news releases and spray alerts sent by the District.

The District urges residents and visitors of San Joaquin County including the Ripon and south San Joaquin County area to reduce their risk of WNV infection and other mosquito-transmitted diseases by taking these precautions:

- Eliminate all sources of standing water on your property that can support mosquito breeding.
- Use products containing active ingredients which have been registered with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for use as insect repellents applied to skin and clothing. Those products containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535, and some oil of lemon eucalyptus products need to be applied according to label instructions.
- Avoid spending time outside when mosquitoes are most active, at dawn and dusk, and especially for the first two hours after sunset.
- When outdoors, wear long pants, long-sleeved shirts and other protective clothing.
- Exclude mosquitoes from your home with tight fitting screens on doors and windows.
- Contact your veterinarian for information on vaccinating equine against WNV.
- Report significant mosquito infestations to San Joaquin County Mosquito & Vector Control District at www.sjmosquito.org (209) 982-4675, 1-800-300-4675.
- Report dead birds and tree squirrels to 1-877-WNV-BIRD (1-877-968-2473) or www.westnile.ca.gov.

For additional information, request service, and/or to sign up for the District’s spray notification system, go to www.sjmosquito.org

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