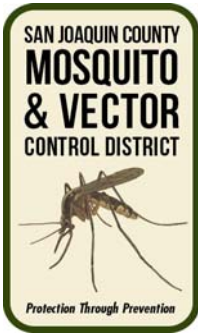


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HOT WEATHER EXPECTED TO INCREASE SPREAD OF WEST NILE VIRUS

Prevent Mosquito Bites When Outdoors – Use Repellents

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(STOCKTON, CA) – The extended hot weather is expected to result in a population increase of mosquitoes. This increase can elevate people's risk of contracting West Nile virus (WNV). "Mosquitoes develop quickly in hot weather and if they carry WNV, the virus amplifies faster in their bodies", said Aaron Devencenzi, Public Information Officer with San Joaquin County Mosquito & Vector Control District (District). "Using EPA registered repellents containing DEET, Picaridin, IR3535, or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus are recommended to prevent mosquito bites and reduce the risk of mosquito-borne disease", said Devencenzi.

West Nile virus is active throughout San Joaquin County and many parts of California. The District is actively trapping, testing, and spraying for mosquitoes. Eliminating standing water and using mosquitofish in water troughs, neglected pools, and water features are recommended to reduce mosquitoes around homes and properties.

For 2017 in San Joaquin County, there are 163 mosquito samples, 7 dead birds, and 1 horse that have tested positive for WNV. In addition, there are 5 human cases being reported by our local health department. For more information on human cases in San Joaquin County, call San Joaquin County Public Health Services at (209) 468-3411.

- Report significant mosquito problems including daytime biting mosquitoes to San Joaquin County Mosquito & Vector Control District at www.sjmosquito.org or call (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, request free mosquitofish, or to sign up for the District's spray notification system, go to www.sjmosquito.org

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