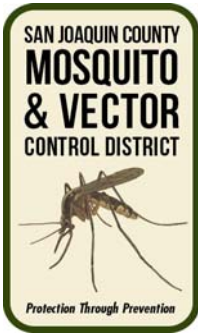


News Release



For Immediate Release
June 14, 2018
NR18-03

Aaron Devencenzi
Public Information Officer
Office: (209) 982-4675

LOCAL AREA MOSQUITOES TEST WEST NILE VIRUS POSITIVE

First find of West Nile Virus activity in San Joaquin County for 2018

ED LUCCHESI
MANAGER

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

JAY COLOMBINI
PRESIDENT
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

OMAR KHWEISS
VICE PRESIDENT
CITY OF LATHROP

GREG SELNA
SECRETARY
CITY OF TRACY

JACK V. FIORI
CITY OF LODI

FRANCIS GROEN
CITY OF RIPON

GARY HASKIN
CITY OF ESCALON

GARY LAMBDIN
CITY OF STOCKTON

MICHAEL MANNA
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

GREGORY O'LEARY
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

GLENN PAGE
CITY OF MANTECA

MARC WARMERDAM
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

LEGAL ADVISOR
CHRISTOPHER K. ELEY

(STOCKTON, CA) – San Joaquin County Mosquito and Vector Control District's (District) mosquito-borne disease surveillance program confirmed two West Nile virus (WNV) positive mosquito samples found in zip code 95219. "This is the first find of WNV in San Joaquin County for 2018 said Aaron Devencenzi, Public Information Officer of the District. "With warm weather, mosquito populations will continue to increase, leading to an elevated risk of WNV in humans, said Devencenzi.

Adult mosquito control activities will increase in accordance with the District's surveillance results. The District does its part in controlling mosquitoes; however mosquito control is everyone's responsibility. It is important that people protect themselves from mosquito bites. Residents and visitors of San Joaquin County can 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.
- Apply insect repellent containing the active ingredient DEET or Picaridin when outdoors, 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 and daytime biting mosquitoes to San Joaquin County Mosquito & Vector Control District at www.sjmosquito.org (209) 982-4675, 1-800-300-4675.