

Public Service Announcement

Friday, June 24th 2022

The Sutter-Yuba Mosquito and Vector Control District has detected the first evidence of West Nile virus in Sutter County in 2022. A mosquito sample recently collected in the Tierra Buena area has tested positive for the virus. We have had no detections of WNV in dead birds, sentinel chicken flocks or humans. Hot daytime temperatures have hastened mosquito production, with traps showing slightly higher than historically normal abundance of this WNV vector for this time of year. The District's surveillance system continues to be in full operation and extra mosquito control efforts are being instituted in areas where detections are made.

The Sutter-Yuba Mosquito and Vector Control District together with Sutter County Public Health would like to remind the public that prevention of mosquito bites is the best way to protect against West Nile virus and other mosquito-borne viruses at home and when traveling. Taking simple steps to prevent mosquito bites are the best ways to keep you and your family healthy. Remembering the 4 "D"s is an easy way to help prevent mosquito bites:

D – DEET – **apply mosquito repellants** containing DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR3535 when mosquitoes are active or biting. These are the EPA approved mosquito repellents recommended to prevent bites (<https://www.epa.gov/insect-repellents/find-repellent-right-you>). Always follow package instructions for appropriate age and directions for use.

D – Dawn and Dusk – **limit outdoor activity at dawn and dusk** when the mosquitoes that carry WNV are most active. **Wear long sleeves and pants** if you have to be outdoors when mosquitoes are present.

D – Doors and windows – **keep screens in good repair** and keep mosquitoes out, by making sure that the screens on your doors and windows are not broken or torn.

D – **Drain all standing water** around the outside of your home – buckets, jar lids, tires and flower pot trays are some common places. Report green swimming pools to the District.

Residents are asked to report dead birds to the California Department of Public Health website at www.westnile.ca.gov or by phone at 877-968-2473.

You can obtain additional information by visiting our website at www.sutter-yubamvcd.org

For questions regarding this detection, contact the District office at 530-674-5456 ext. 0 between the hours of 7 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday thru Friday, excluding Holidays.

