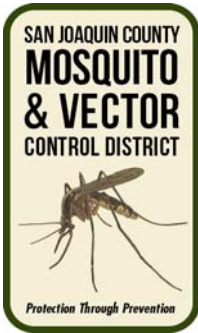


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FIRST FIND OF WEST NILE VIRUS POSITIVE MOSQUITOES IN SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY FOR 2019

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(STOCKTON, CA) – San Joaquin County Mosquito and Vector Control District's (District) mosquito-borne disease surveillance program confirmed West Nile virus (WNV) positive mosquito samples found in zip codes 95366 and 95376. This is the first find of WNV in San Joaquin County for 2019. "This find serves as a reminder that mosquitoes carry disease that can harm humans. The District does its part in controlling mosquitoes; however, mosquito control is everyone's responsibility," said Aaron Devencenzi, Public Information Officer of the District. "Adult mosquito control activities will increase in accordance with our surveillance results," said Devencenzi.

With the recent high temperatures, mosquitoes' lifecycles speed up and so does the replication of the virus within their bodies. 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 development.
- Apply insect repellent containing EPA-registered active ingredients, including DEET, Picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, or IR3535, according to label instructions, when outdoors. Repellents keep mosquitoes from biting.
- Avoid spending time outside when mosquitoes are most active, at dawn and dusk, and especially for the first two hours after sunset.
- When outdoors in cooler weather, wear long pants, loose-fitting 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 daytime biting mosquitoes or 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 to 1-877-WNV-BIRD (1-877-968-2473) or www.westnile.ca.gov.

For additional information, request service, or to sign up for the District's spray notification system, go to www.sjmosquito.org or call (209) 982-4675. Follow us on Facebook @SJmosquitoandvector for informative posts.

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