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Madera County Reporting First West Nile Virus Mosquito Pools for 2023

Madera County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) is reporting detection of West Nile Virus (WNV) in mosquito samples collected on July 6, 2023. MCDPH recommends residents contact the Madera County Mosquito & Vector Control District at (559) 662-8880 to request assistance with any mosquito infestations.

“This early detection of WNV is a reminder of the higher risk this year of getting sick from mosquito bites. It is important to follow recommendations to lower your risk of being bitten by mosquitoes.” stated Simon Paul, M.D., Madera County Public Health Officer.

Protect against mosquito bites and WNV by practicing the “Three Ds”:

1. DETER – Apply insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin, lemon eucalyptus or IR353 oil, according to label instructions. Insect repellents should not be used on children under two months of age. Fan-generated wind may also protect from mosquito bites in the outdoor setting.

2. DAWN AND DUSK – Mosquitoes usually bite in the early morning and evening. Wear proper clothing and repellent if outside, during these times. Make sure that your doors and windows have tight-fitting screens, and repair screens that have tears or holes.

3. DRAIN – Mosquitoes lay their eggs on standing water. Eliminate all sources of standing water on your property, and if you know of a swimming pool that is not being properly maintained contact the Madera County Mosquito & Vector Control District at (559) 662-8880

All residents are encouraged to report dead birds to the California West Nile Virus website at: <https://westnile.ca.gov/> or by calling toll-free 1-877-WNV-BIRD (1-877-968-2473).





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For more prevention tips and information about WNV, visit the following websites:

- California Department of Public Health: <https://westnile.ca.gov/>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (mosquito control):
<https://www.cdc.gov/mosquitoes/index.html>
- Madera County Mosquito & Vector Control District: <http://maderamosq.org/>

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