

**San Joaquin  
County  
Mosquito &  
Vector Control  
District**



7759 S. Airport Way  
Stockton, CA 95206

Request for Service  
209.982.4675 or  
1.800.300.4675

**Fight The Bite!**

>**Dump & Drain**  
standing Water

>**Dusk & Dawn** are  
when mosquitoes  
that carry WNV are  
most active.

>**DEET** is an  
effective ingredient  
to look for in insect  
repellents

# News Release

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## **West Nile Virus Activity Found Throughout San Joaquin County** *- Collected mosquito samples indicate increased risk of West Nile virus-*

(STOCKTON, CA) – San Joaquin County Mosquito and Vector Control District's (District) mosquito-borne disease surveillance program recently confirmed West Nile Virus (WNV) positive mosquitoes in zip codes 95203, 95206, 95207, 95219, 95242, 95304, 95337. "When outdoors, please take all necessary precautions to avoid mosquito bites, including the use of effective mosquito repellents. The District is also asking residents to remove any standing water around their homes to reduce mosquito development" said Aaron Devencenzi, Public Information Officer of the District.

In response to a rise in West Nile virus carrying mosquito population, the District will increase surveillance and control of local mosquito populations on all private and public lands within San Joaquin County. Surveillance includes checking for mosquito-borne diseases through testing samples of mosquitoes, testing dead birds, and testing sentinel chickens. Mosquito control activities include: making recommendations to property owners on methods to reduce mosquito breeding conditions; educating the public on mosquito prevention techniques, including the use of repellents; introducing mosquitofish to ponds, ditches, and other aquatic sites; and spraying areas where mosquitoes are found.

The District will continue to implement the California Mosquito-Borne Virus Surveillance and Response Plan to protect the public health and welfare. Spray locations and times will normally be available 24 hours in advance. **People can access spray information and spray schedules by calling the District at (209) 982-4675 or toll-free at 1-800-300-4675 during business hours from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday or by visiting the District's website online at [www.simosquito.org](http://www.simosquito.org).**

To request District service, call (209) 982-4675, 1-800-300-4675 or visit the District website at [www.simosquito.org](http://www.simosquito.org)

For more information about mosquito control and WNV:

- California West Nile virus information and to report dead birds and squirrels: Call toll-free at 1-877-968-2473, or California Website: [www.westnile.ca.gov](http://www.westnile.ca.gov)
- San Joaquin County Public Health website: <http://www.sjcphs.org/emprep/WestNileVirus.htm>

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