



LAKE COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT

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WEST NILE VIRUS DETECTED IN LAKE COUNTY MOSQUITOES

Lakeport, Calif. – The Lake County Vector Control District confirmed that five mosquito samples tested positive for West Nile virus this week in Lake County.

The positive mosquitoes were collected from Lower Lake and Anderson Marsh. In June, a black-headed grosbeak from Clearlake tested positive for West Nile virus. No human cases of West Nile virus have been reported in Lake County this year.

It's important to wear mosquito repellent and to dump out any standing water on your property, said Jamesina Scott, Ph.D., District Manager and Research Director for the Lake County Vector Control District. "If you have questions or need help with a mosquito problem, contact the Lake County Vector Control District at www.LCVCD.org or 707-263-4770."

Residents are urged to help reduce their risk of contracting West Nile virus and other mosquito-borne diseases by following these guidelines:

- **Dump or drain standing water.** Mosquitoes grow in standing water.
- **Defend yourself with mosquito repellents** containing Picaridin, DEET, IR3535, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus, or PMD. Need help finding a repellent to meet your needs? The [Environmental Protection Agency](https://www.epa.gov/insect-repellents/find-insect-repellent-right-you#search) has a search tool to help you choose the repellent that is right for you at <https://www.epa.gov/insect-repellents/find-insect-repellent-right-you#search> tool.
- **Avoid being outdoors when mosquitoes are biting**, typically dawn and dusk.
- **Maintain swimming pools.** Just one neglected swimming pool can produce more than 1 million mosquitoes and affect people up to five miles away.
- **Report dead birds** to the state hotline: 1-877-968-2473 or online at http://www.westnile.ca.gov/report_wnv.php. All reports are crucial.

Residents with questions about West Nile virus or who would like help with a mosquito problem can contact the Lake County Vector Control District at 707-263-4770 (Mon-Fri 7:30 AM-4:00 PM) or visit their website at www.lcvcd.org.

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