



# Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District

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### **ANOTHER WEST NILE POSITIVE MOSQUITO SAMPLE IN INDIAN WELLS**

*Truck-mounted mosquito control applications planned in the area over the weekend.*

**INDIO, CA, JULY 12, 2018:** The Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District has detected more infected mosquitoes with West Nile virus (WNV) in Indian Wells. The mosquitoes were collected from a trap near Fairway Drive and Cook Street. This brings the total number of positive West Nile virus mosquito samples to eight in the Valley this year. There were 60 at the same time in 2017. The total number of mosquitoes infected with St. Louis encephalitis virus (SLEV) is four for 2018. There were no SLEV positive mosquito samples at this time last year.

In an effort to reduce the number of mosquitoes, interrupt virus transmission, and protect the public from mosquito-borne diseases, District staff will start truck-mounted ultra-low volume (ULV) applications in residential areas where the mosquitoes were trapped between Highway 111, Portola Avenue, Eldorado Drive, and Vintage Drive. Applications are scheduled Sunday through Tuesday, July 15-17 between 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., weather permitting. Route maps and additional information about the applications are available at [www.cvmvcd.org/controlactivities.htm](http://www.cvmvcd.org/controlactivities.htm). For questions about this treatment, call 760-342-8287 during routine office hours, Monday through Friday, 7:30am to 4:30pm. After hours, please call 760-541-2057.

The District urges Valley residents and visitors to ensure they protect themselves from mosquito bites during this time of elevated risk of infection. WNV is transmitted to people via the bite of an infected mosquito. Mosquitoes are infected when they feed on birds carrying the virus. Most individuals infected with WNV will not experience any illness. Others will have flu-like symptoms, such as fever, headache and body aches. In severe cases, people will need to be hospitalized, and in rare cases the disease can be fatal. Young

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children, the elderly, or individuals with lowered immune systems are at greater risk of experiencing severe symptoms when infected. Anyone with symptoms should contact their health care provider.

All control products used by the District are registered by the Environmental Protection Agency for the purpose of controlling mosquitoes and protecting public health. The products are applied according to label instructions by trained and certified technicians. Although the District's mosquito control products pose low risk, some people may prefer to avoid exposure by staying inside or away from the area during and for 30 minutes following the application. Community commitment to removing standing water sources both inside and outside the home is critical to controlling mosquitoes in the Coachella Valley.

**Prevent mosquito bites:**

- Avoid going outside in the hours around dawn and dusk when mosquitoes that can transmit West Nile virus are most active.
- Wear EPA registered ingredients such as DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, or IR3535 to exposed skin and/or clothing (as directed on the product label).
- Wear long sleeve shirts, long pants, socks and shoes when mosquitoes are most active.
- Be sure window and door screens are in good repair to prevent mosquitoes from entering your home.

**Prevent mosquitoes around your home:**

- Inspect yards for standing water sources and drain water that may have collected under potted plants, in bird baths, discarded tires, and any other items that could collect water.
- Check your rain gutters and lawn drains to make sure they aren't holding water and debris.
- Clean and scrub bird baths and pet watering dishes weekly.
- Check and clean any new potted plant containers that you bring home because they may have eggs. Some mosquito eggs can remain viable in dry areas for months.

Please contact the District at (760) 342-8287 to report mosquito problems, request mosquitofish, and report neglected pools or standing water where mosquitoes breed. Dead birds should be reported to the Californian Department of Public Health at (877) 968-2473 or online at [http://westnile.ca.gov/report\\_wnv.php](http://westnile.ca.gov/report_wnv.php). Visit us online at [www.cvmvcd.org](http://www.cvmvcd.org) to obtain more information and submit service requests. For the latest statewide statistics for WNV activity, please visit <http://westnile.ca.gov>.

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