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### **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 High Throughout San Joaquin County** *District warns residents to take precautions to avoid mosquito bites*

(STOCKTON, CA) – In recent weeks, the San Joaquin County Mosquito & Vector Control District's surveillance and disease testing laboratory has seen some of the highest concentration of West Nile virus (WNV) in mosquito samples since the discovery of the virus in 2004. "It is imperative that individuals take precautions against mosquito bites to avoid the virus, said John Fritz, Assistant Manager with the District. Follow these precautions to reduce your risk of WNV.

- Eliminate all sources of standing water on your property that can support mosquito breeding.
- Apply insect repellent containing the active ingredient DEET or Picaridin when outdoors, according to label instructions.
- Avoid spending time outside when mosquitoes are most active, at dawn and dusk, and especially for the first two hours after sunset.
- When outdoors, wear long pants, 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 significant mosquito infestations to San Joaquin County Mosquito & Vector Control District at [www.sjmosquito.org](http://www.sjmosquito.org) (209) 982-4675, 1-800-300-4675.

"The District will continue to respond with an increase in all components of mosquito control including the reduction of WNV infected adult mosquitoes," said Fritz.

The District will continue to implement the California Mosquito-Borne Virus Surveillance and Response Plan to protect 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.sjmosquito.org](http://www.sjmosquito.org) and signing up for notifications.

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