

Mosquitos test positive for West Nile Virus in Butte County



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BUTTE COUNTY, Calif. - A group of mosquitos from the Honcut area has tested positive for West Nile Virus.

Butte County health officials have now declared the virus active in Butte County.

The Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District urges residents in the county to take all precautions necessary to drain any and all un-needed standing water, report any suspected mosquito-breeding sites to the District, and protect themselves from the bites of mosquitoes.

“It’s imperative that county residents be aware that WNV is active and to avoid mosquito bites by whatever means necessary,” said Matthew Ball, district manager for the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District. “Residents are urged to do their part to prevent mosquitoes from breeding by inspecting and eliminating all standing water from their properties.”

The virus has been identified in Butte County every year since its arrival in 2004. Since 2004, 244 residents have been infected with the virus and 9 have died after contracting the virus.

Health officials have released the following tips to avoid contracting the virus:

- Avoid spending time outside when mosquitoes are active, especially at dusk and dawn
- If you must be outdoors when mosquitoes are active, wear long pants, and long-sleeved shirts, socks and shoes
- Before going outdoors, apply insect repellent containing DEET, Picaridin, IR3535 or oil of lemon eucalyptus according to label instructions
- Make sure that doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or holes
- Eliminate all standing water on your property that can support mosquito-breeding
- Report standing water to Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District
- Contact Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District if there is a significant mosquito problem where you live, work, and/or play