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The Southern Nevada Health District's Vector Surveillance Program has identified West Nile virus-positive mosquitoes at this time in the Las Vegas area. In addition a horse has also tested positive for West Nile virus. The Health District has **NOT** detected *Aedes albopictus* or *Aedes aegypti* which is the species known to spread the Zika virus, chikungunya and dengue.

The detection of West Nile positive mosquitoes in Southern Nevada reminds us to take steps to eliminate breeding grounds around our homes and community as well as ourselves and our children and elderly to protect from mosquito bites. Keep an eye out for green swimming pools and standing or stagnant water where mosquitos breed.

Be advised that mosquitos acquire this virus by feeding on infected birds. It is passed from the mosquito to people and animals, but it cannot be passed from person to person. The virus may show mild or no symptoms at all. Symptoms may include fever, headache, body aches, nausea, vomiting, swollen lymph glands, rash on chest/stomach/back. In some cases the virus may result in severe illness and death.

Nye County Emergency Management, the Nye County Sheriff's Office and the CDC advise everyone to take the following steps:

- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants.
- Stay in places with air conditioning and window and door screens.
- Sleep under a mosquito bed net if you are overseas or outside and are not able to protect yourself from mosquito bites.
- Use [Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\)-registered](#) insect repellents with one of the following active ingredients: DEET, picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus, or para-menthane-diol. *When used as directed, EPA-registered insect repellents are proven safe and effective, even for pregnant and breast-feeding women.*
- To protect your child from mosquito bites:
 - Do not use insect repellent on babies younger than 2 months old.
 - Do not use products containing oil of lemon eucalyptus or para-menthane-diol on children younger than 3 years old.
 - Dress your child in clothing that covers arms and legs.
 - Cover crib, stroller, and baby carrier with mosquito netting.
 - Do not apply insect repellent onto a child's hands, eyes, mouth, and cut or irritated skin.

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- Adults: Spray insect repellent onto your hands and then apply to a child's face.
- Treat clothing and gear with permethrin or purchase permethrin-treated items.
- Treated clothing remains protective after multiple washings. See product information to learn how long the protection will last.
- If treating items yourself, follow the product instructions carefully.
- Do NOT use permethrin products directly on skin. They are intended to treat clothing.

Please, if you feel that you or your animals may have been exposed, seek appropriate medical attention.

Updated information on positive mosquito submission pools and mosquitoes that are tested in Clark County are posted on the Health District's [website](#).

For more information on eliminating breeding sources, visit the CDC's [Controlling Mosquitoes at Home](#) page for a list of tips.