



Coachella Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District

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West Nile Virus Positive Mosquitoes Progressively Move West Into South La Quinta

Neighborhood mosquito control treatments are scheduled.

Coachella Valley, CA: Mosquitoes collected in La Quinta tested positive for [West Nile Virus](#) (WNV) near Avenue 62 and Monroe. This is the first sample to test positive from La Quinta in 2022 but the 55th sample to test positive for the Coachella Valley.

Twelve human cases of mosquito-borne illness have been reported in the [state](#) this year.

"Though we can't often predict where mosquito samples will test positive for disease, we can see patterns start to form and the pattern we are seeing this year is a progression of mosquito positive samples moving westwardly." said Tammy Gordon, Public Information Manager for the District. "You should invest in - and wear - insect repellent when outdoors."

The Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District will provide truck-mounted ultra-low volume (ULV) mosquito control treatments starting Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, August 22-24. Applications are planned between 1:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m., weather permitting.

The application area is within the boundaries of Avenue 60, Monroe Street, 62nd Avenue, and Madison Avenue. Residents can check the [District website](#) for application routes and updated application times.

People over the age of 50 and individuals with lowered immune systems are at greater risk of suffering severe symptoms of WNV.

About West Nile Virus. WNV spread when a female mosquito bites an infected bird. The mosquito then can become a carrier and transmit the virus to people. Most infected people will have no [symptoms](#). Others will develop fever, headaches, and body aches; hospitalization is required in some cases, and in rare cases, death occurs. People with symptoms should contact their health care provider.

Prevent mosquito bites:

- Don't go outside around dawn and dusk when these mosquitoes are most active.
- Wear insect repellent. [EPA registered ingredients](#) such as DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, or IR3535 (as directed on the product label).
- Cover up. Wear long sleeve shirts and long pants when mosquitoes are most active.
- Check window and door screens to prevent mosquitoes from entering your home.

Prevent mosquitoes around your home:

- Check lawn drains for water and debris. Clean drains regularly.

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- Inspect yards for standing water sources. Drain water that collects under potted plants, bird baths, tires, and any other water holding containers.
- Clean and scrub pet dishes and water features weekly.
- Swimming pools, ponds, and fountains require working pumps and regular maintenance.