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209.982.4675 or  
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[www.sjmosquito.org](http://www.sjmosquito.org)

### **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

>**Report** daytime  
biting mosquitoes to  
the District

# News Release

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## WEST NILE VIRUS ACTIVITY HIGHEST IN THE HISTORY OF SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT

(STOCKTON, CA) – “The weather is hot, and so is the West Nile virus (WNV) activity”, said Shaoming Huang, Ph.D., Entomologist with San Joaquin County Mosquito and Vector Control District (District). The District’s surveillance and disease testing laboratory detected WNV in 33 mosquito samples this week. “So far, this is the highest number of WNV positive mosquito samples detected in a week since the 2004 arrival of WNV in San Joaquin County. The threat of WNV infection to people is notably elevated,” said Huang.

This record high of WNV positive mosquito samples is a reminder to the public to take all necessary precautions to avoid mosquito bites when outdoors and for the upcoming “National Night Out” on August 2, 2016.

Follow these precautions to reduce your risk of WNV.

- **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
- Eliminate all sources of standing water on your property that can support mosquito breeding.
- Contact your veterinarian for information on vaccinating equine against WNV.
- Report significant mosquito infestations and daytime biting mosquitoes 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 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 sign up for email spray notifications by visiting the District’s website online at [www.sjmosquito.org](http://www.sjmosquito.org) or 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.

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