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FIGHT THE BITE - JULY 4TH WEEKEND
WEST NILE VIRUS IS VERY ACTIVE THIS YEAR

(STOCKTON, CA) – San Joaquin County Mosquito and Vector Control District (District) cautions residents to beware of mosquitoes while outdoors. “This week is one of the most active weeks of West Nile virus (WNV) found in mosquito samples since the arrival of WNV in San Joaquin County (2004)” said Shaoming Huang, Ph.D., District Entomologist. “Taking these simple precautions, can reduce risk of mosquito-borne disease”, said Huang.

- Apply insect repellent containing the active ingredient DEET or Picaridin when outdoors, according to label instructions.
- When outdoors, wear long pants, long-sleeved shirts and other protective clothing.
- Eliminate all sources of standing water on your property that can support mosquito breeding.
- Exclude mosquitoes from your home with tight fitting screens on doors and windows.
- Report significant mosquito infestations to San Joaquin County Mosquito & Vector Control District at www.sjmosquito.org (209) 982-4675, 1-800-300-4675.
- Report dead birds to 1-877-WNV-BIRD (1-877-968-2473) or www.westnile.ca.gov.

For additional information, request service, and/or to sign up for the District’s spray notification system, go to www.sjmosquito.org

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