



Coachella Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District

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West Nile Virus detections continue in East Valley, Treatments Planned

Aerial mosquito control treatments are scheduled in the area.

Coachella Valley, CA: Positive West Nile Virus (WNV) mosquito samples continue in and around Mecca. Year to date, the District has detected five positive samples of WNV in the valley.

No human cases of WNV have been reported in the Coachella Valley or the [state](#) this year. There is no human vaccine for WNV so residents should be proactive against mosquito bites by wearing insect repellent.

“Warming temperatures and endemic virus detection create the perfect conditions for mosquitoes to spread viruses,” says Greg Alvarado, Operations Manager for the District.

The Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District will make adult mosquito control treatments by helicopter to the following area:

Mecca/Northshore: The application area is within the boundaries of Highway 111 (north), Avenue 73 (south), Buchanan Street (west), and Grant Street (east).

When: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, May 20th-22nd. Applications are planned between 7:00p.m. and 6:00a.m., weather permitting.

Residents can check the [District website](#) for application routes and updated application activities.

About West Nile Virus: WNV spreads 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.

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Prevent mosquitoes around your home:

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