

Mosquitoes become carriers of West Nile virus when they feed on birds that are already sick. Mosquitoes then can give West Nile to other birds, humans and horses.



SHOULD I REPORT DEAD BIRDS?

Help watch for West Nile virus by reporting dead birds online at www.ndhealth.gov/wnv.

Certain birds can be tested for West Nile. Check with your local public health unit, Indian Health Service environmental officer or sanitarian, local veterinarian, county extension agent or vector control office for bird testing criteria.

Vaccinate your horses. Foals too!! Contact your local veterinarian.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WEST NILE VIRUS:

Contact your local health department. Additional information can be found at www.ndhealth.gov/wnv or by calling the North Dakota Department of Health at 800.472.2180.

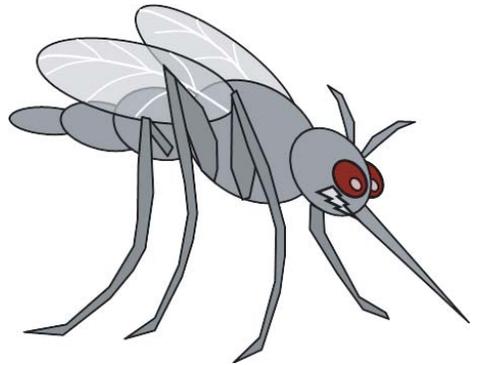


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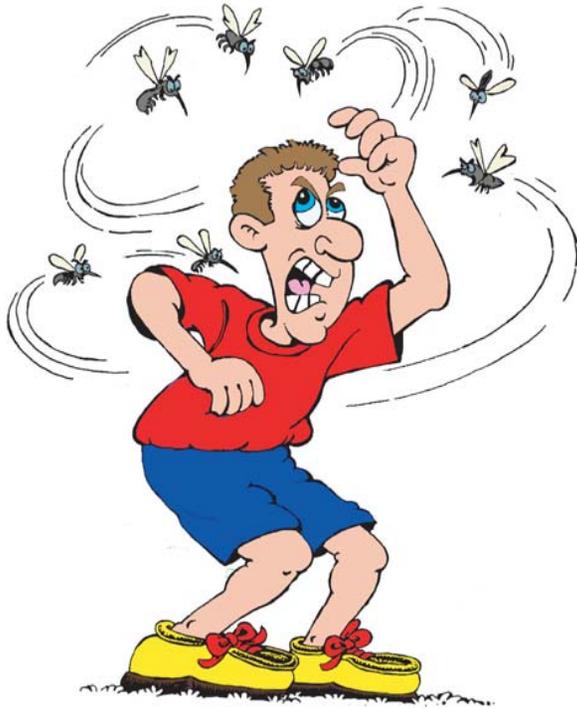


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WHAT IS WEST NILE VIRUS?

West Nile virus is spread by mosquitoes and usually affects birds.



Most people with West Nile have no symptoms, but in people who do, fever, headache and body aches are the most common. However, it also can cause swelling of the brain or even death, although this does not happen very often.

People age 50 and older have a greater chance of becoming sick than those who are younger.

PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY!

- 🦋 Wear light-colored, long pants and long-sleeved shirts.
- 🦋 Stay indoors during the evening and early morning hours when mosquitoes are most active.
- 🦋 Use an insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus or permethrin. Always follow the directions on the label.



- 🦋 Install or repair screens on windows and doors.

You can still enjoy outdoor activities. Just take the proper precautions.



CONTROL MOSQUITO BREEDING!

Mosquitoes can breed in a very small amount of standing water in just a few days. Here are ways to help reduce mosquito breeding around your home.



Keep the grass and shrubbery cut short.

🦋 Remove old tires from your yard and surrounding areas. For more information, call the Division of Waste Management at 701.328.5166.

🦋 Clean roof gutters and downspout screens.

🦋 Empty water from buckets, birdbaths, wading pools, troughs and potted-plant trays every four to five days.

