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Riverside County
NEWS RELEASE

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Mosquito-control application scheduled in Nuevo Wednesday

Due to recent positive tests for West Nile virus and the high number of mosquitos in an area of Nuevo, Riverside County on Wednesday will apply an ultra-low volume of a material designed to reduce adult mosquito populations.

The Riverside County Vector Control Program's planned treatment by a truck-mounted sprayer is a follow-up to a handheld application conducted last week. The application area is bordered by Reservoir Avenue, Orange Street, Lakeview Avenue and the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. The Hemet Model Masters Airfield will also be treated.

Application of the EPA approved mosquito control product Zenivex (EPA Reg No 2724-807) is scheduled for Wednesday (8/17) from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., when mosquitos are most active. Zenivex is registered by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the purpose of controlling mosquitos and protecting public health. This product is applied according to label instructions by trained and certified technicians. Although the product poses a very low to no risk for people, some may prefer to avoid exposure. To minimize exposure, residents and pets should remain indoors and keep windows closed during ground application and for 15 minutes afterward. The amount of material sprayed is three ounces per acre, which ensures that humans, animals and crops are safe. Signs were posted Monday along the route informing residents of the control efforts.

In addition, vector-control staff are intensifying mosquito surveillance, searching out breeding sites and conducting larval control where appropriate.

Protect yourself from mosquito bites:

Apply Insect Repellent. Use a repellent with DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide), picaridin (KBR 3023), oil of lemon eucalyptus [p-methane 3, 8-diol (PMD)] or IR3535 according to the instructions on the product label. DEET products should not be used on infants under two months of age and should be used in concentrations of 30 percent or less on older children. Lemon eucalyptus oil should not be used on children under three years of age.

Be Aware of Peak Mosquito Hours. Dawn and dusk are peak biting times for many mosquitos. If mosquitos are biting you during the daytime hours, please contact our office and mention the hours because it might help identify the mosquito species in your area.

Clothing Can Help Reduce Mosquito Bites. Wear long sleeves, long pants, and socks when outdoors to help keep mosquitos away from skin.

Mosquito-Proof Your Home. Mosquitos lay their eggs in standing water. Limit the number of places for mosquitos to breed by draining/discarding items that hold water. Check rain gutters and drains. Empty and scrub out unused flowerpots and wading pools. Change water in birdbaths, livestock troughs and pet bowls at least weekly, scrubbing thoroughly before refilling.

Install or Repair Screens. Keep mosquitos outside with tightly fitting screens on windows and doors.

Please call the vector control office at 951-766-9454 if you have any questions, would like to report a mosquito problem in your area or to request fish that eat mosquito larvae. You may also visit our website <http://www.rivcoeh.org/Programs/vector> or Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/RiversideCountyEH/> for more information.