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Protecting Public Health  
West Valley Mosquito  
and  
Vector Control District

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## The Valley Buzz

### MANAGER'S MESSAGE:



As of 8/23/19, the District has had 28 positive West Nile virus mosquito samples this year.

The state of California has had 2,269 positive West Nile virus mosquito samples this year, with 45 human cases.

The District is seeing an increase in the number of invasive *Aedes* mosquitoes collected and an increase in reports of aggressive mosquitoes. Please be sure to wear mosquito repellent when outdoors and contact the District to conduct inspections of any areas of concern.

For weekly status updates on West Nile virus positive mosquitoes, connect with us on Facebook or Twitter, or go to [www.wvmvcd.org](http://www.wvmvcd.org).

*Dr. Michelle Brown*

### TECHNICIAN'S TIPS:

#### Keep your House Mosquito Free -

Technicians recommend incorporating proper preventative measures to have a mosquito-free home!

We recommend making sure that all windows have tight-fitting screens that have no holes or tears. Screen doors should also be free of holes and tears to keep mosquitoes from entering your home.

Maintenance of water sources in and around your home is also a useful method to ensure your house stays mosquito-free. Cleaning and maintaining functional fountains and ponds will help reduce the risk of mosquito breeding in your yard. Technicians also recommend a regular walk-through of your yard to look for smaller breeding sources such as buckets, toys, and flowerpot saucers.



## FROM OUR LABORATORY:

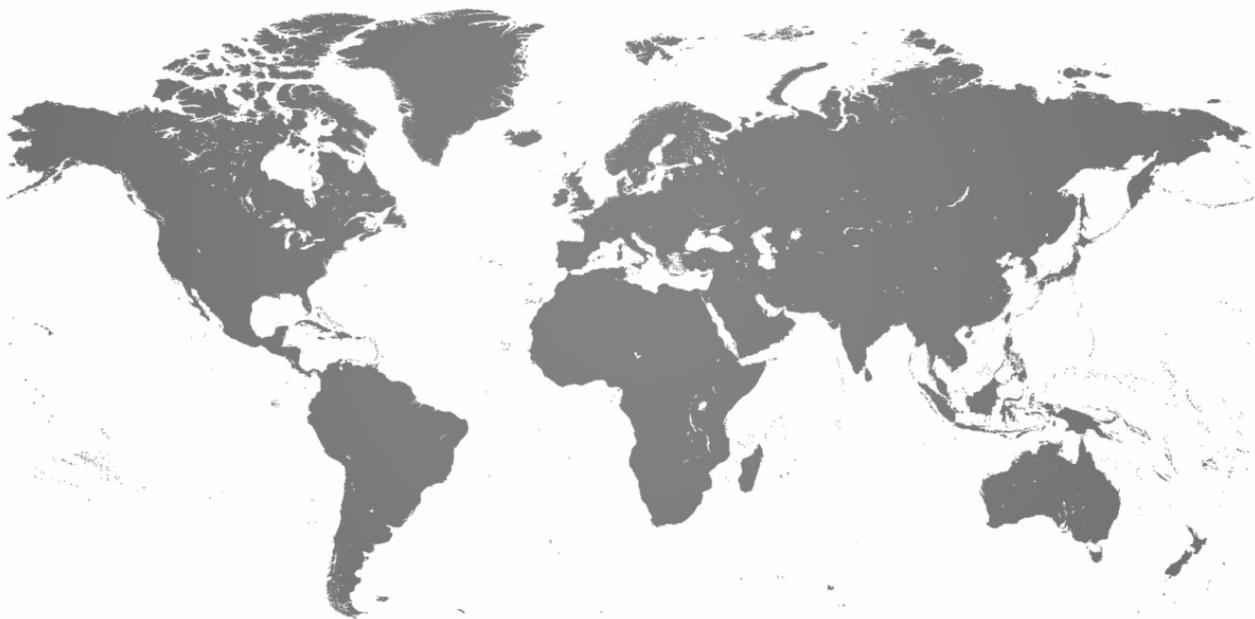
### Mosquito-Free Travels -

While preparing to travel outside of the country, it is important to wear mosquito repellent and be aware of any potential mosquito-borne diseases that may be present in the country you will be visiting.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provide travel health notices to different countries. The CDC posts updates on their website of travel notices to warn travelers if there is a risk or outbreak of disease in another country. Checking the CDC travel health notice is a helpful way to ensure safe international traveling!

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices>

The West Valley MVCD recommends you always be safe and aware of all travel notices provided to you.



## OUTREACHING OUT TO YOU!

### Help Yourself Stay Informed -

There are various websites and social media accounts that allow you to stay informed on recent mosquito/vector news!

Westnile.ca.gov is the official website for the latest West Nile virus related activity in California. The website regularly updates information on human cases, positive mosquito samples, and it also provides the hotline for reporting dead birds.

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) website provides general information on mosquitoes, vector-borne diseases and other health related topics. The CDPH has resources that are helpful to keeping you safe and work with vector control agencies in California to ensure you stay well informed.

**<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/>**

The West Valley MVCD posts updates Friday with information about recent positive mosquito samples. Both Westnile.ca.gov and CDPH also have Facebook and Twitter accounts to help you stay informed from your mobile devices as well!

Find us on social media!

Facebook - @wvmosquito

Twitter - @westvalleymvcd



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While we face many challenges in public health, we are confident that with your continued support, cooperation, and friendship, we can continue to protect our residents in this vast and ever-changing landscape.

*Thank you for supporting us over the years!*

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