



## Get Ready for National Mosquito Control Week!

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# The Valley Buzz

### MANAGER'S MESSAGE:



As of mid-June, the District has yet to detect any West Nile virus. This is outstanding news!

For the state of California, there have been 48 West Nile virus (WNV) positive mosquito samples from 8 counties. This is down from 157 positive samples from the same time frame last year. In 2020, there have been 32 St. Louis Encephalitis (SLE) positive mosquito samples from 2 counties, whereas there were only 2 positive SLE pools at this time last year.

The District is maintaining services during these uncertain times. However, some modifications were required. Access to our District office is by appointment only and masks are required to enter the building. The District is offering the option of contactless service requests. This option can be selected in our online form or indicated when you call the office. Together, we continue to fight mosquito-borne diseases while keeping residents and staff safe.

For weekly status updates, connect with the District on Facebook or Twitter, or go to [www.wvmvcd.org](http://www.wvmvcd.org).

*Dr. Michelle Brown*

## TECHNICIAN'S TIPS:

### Invasive Aedes Around the Home

Are you noticing mosquito bites on your ankles and lower legs? This can be an indication of invasive *Aedes* mosquitoes. Invasive *Aedes* are non-native small, black and white mosquitoes that have been increasing in our area. They are aggressive biters that will bite during the day and evening. *Aedes* use small man-made containers to lay their eggs in. Be sure to dump any standing water in your yard and inside the house to minimize places *Aedes* can use. Call us for help. Our trained technicians can help you keep mosquitoes out of your home!



District Staff is in full force, working hard to keep you safe from mosquitoes!

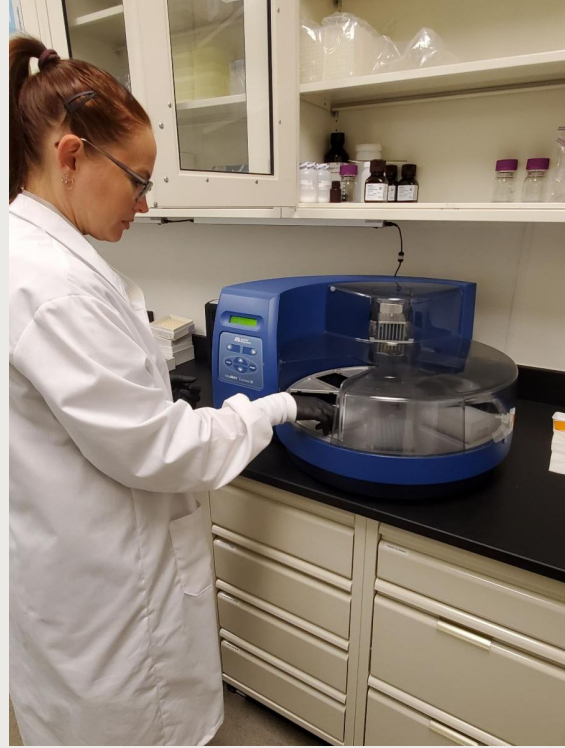
## FROM OUR LABORATORY:

### The Lab is Here for YOU!

As the weather warms, the District is seeing a marked increase in our mosquito populations. If residents are experiencing mosquito bites and/or seeing an increase in mosquito activity we can schedule an inspection and set up traps to monitor mosquitoes.

Our lab staff identifies the species of mosquitoes, amount, and performs in-house testing to determine if the mosquitoes are carrying disease. The District lab staff is here to help you stay safe!





In2Care traps are unobtrusive and can help reduce mosquitoes in your yard.

## OUTREACHING OUT TO YOU!

### Outreach on the Information Superhighway

With the current coronavirus pandemic, our outreach staff have not been able to visit our communities at fairs, and other public events. But we are still active on social media! Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter pages for updates on mosquito activity in our District, and lots of facts and tips that can help you have a bite-free summer. You can find us at on Facebook at @wvmosquito, Instagram at westvalleymvcd, and Twitter at @westvalleymvcd.

### National Mosquito Control Awareness Week!

Stay tuned to our social media for National Mosquito Control Awareness Week, June 21-27. We will have some fun games for kids, a special Zoom background, and a app you will be “fortune”ate to get! Celebrate mosquito awareness with us and stay mosquito-free!



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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