



# West Nile Virus



West Nile Virus (WNV) is spread by the bite of infected mosquitoes. The risk of sickness increases for people who are over 50 years of age or persons with a compromised immune system.



Individuals may become ill 3-15 days after being bitten by an infected mosquito.

- Flu-like symptoms are commonly exhibited for mild illness
- Severe illness or death may result in extreme cases

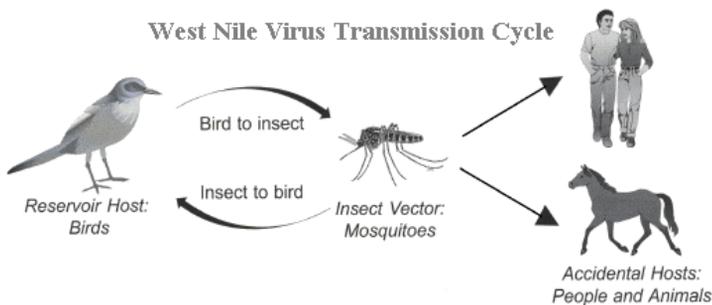


There is no specific treatment for WNV. See your medical provider if you think you might have WNV.



Prevention is the best defense from WNV.

- Avoid being outside at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active
- Wear long sleeves and pants when outside. Treat with permethrin.
- Apply repellent to exposed skin (20-35% DEET or 20% picaridin)
- Eliminate standing water around your home (flower pots, pet dishes, artificial containers)



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