Costa Mesa one of eight cities in Orange County where West Nile Virus was detected in mosquitoes

The Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District (OCMVCD) this week confirmed mosquito samples infected with West Nile Virus (WNV) in the cities of Costa Mesa, Fullerton, Garden Grove and Westminster.

Orange County now has eight cities with WNV-positive mosquitoes, with OCMVCD reporting last week mosquito samples infected with WNV in the cities of Buena Park, Huntington Beach, Santa Ana and Seal Beach.

Inspectors will be out in the areas to check known sources of mosquito breeding and to try to identify any unknown sources. If we have continued positive mosquito samples, adult mosquito control may be conducted in the future.

At this time, OC Vector advises residents to take action and follow these tips:

- Wear repellent containing DEET, Picaridin, IR3535, or oil of lemon eucalyptus
- Wear light-colored, loose-fitting, long-sleeved shirts, and long pants while outside at dawn and dusk
- Dump and drain containers holding standing water at least once a week
- Clean and scrub bird baths and pet water bowls
- Close all unscreened doors and windows to prevent mosquitoes from entering your home or space
- Repair broken or damaged screens

More information about mosquito prevention is available here.

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