Mosquito with West Nile Virus is found in Costa Mesa

The Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District has confirmed the first mosquito samples infected with West Nile virus (WNV) in the City of Costa Mesa.

Surveillance traps were set in the area of Fairview Park. Inspectors will be out in the area to check known sources of mosquito breeding and try to identify any unknown sources.

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“West Nile virus positive mosquito samples indicates that the virus is active in Orange County and there is an increased risk for residents to become infected with WNV through a mosquito bite,” said Robert Cummings, Director of Scientific Services for Vector Control.

West Nile virus is most commonly spread to people by the bite of an infected mosquito. Mosquitoes become infected when they feed on infected birds. There are no confirmed cases of human infections currently in Orange County.

To learn more about West Nile virus visit: https://www.ocvector.org/west-nile-virus

Mosquito control is a shared responsibility. Orange County residents need to do their part to control mosquito breeding around their properties and prevent bites.

Eliminating mosquito breeding sources is critical to preventing the spread of West Nile virus:
To prevent mosquito bites, take action and follow these tips:
· Dump and drain containers filled with water at least once a week
· Clean and scrub bird baths and pet water bowls weekly

· Dump water from potted plant saucers

For more information on how you can help reduce the risk of WNV in your community, visit www.ocvector.org.