

## West Nile Virus activity\* detected recently in the following Brooklyn zip codes: 11206, 11214, 11229

## Neighborhoods: Bushwick, East Williamsburg, Gravesend, Homecrest, Sheephead Bay

Now is the time for New Yorkers – especially people over 50 – to take **personal precautions to prevent mosquito bites:** 

- Use repellents that contain DEET, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus, IR3535, or Picaridin and ALWAYS follow label instructions.
- If outside from dusk to dawn, **wear protective clothing** if possible, such as loose-fitting pants, long-sleeved shirts, and socks.
- Make sure that your doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Fix or replace screens that have tears or holes.

## **Reduce mosquito exposure around your home:**

- Eliminate any standing water that collects on your property.
- Remind or help neighbors to eliminate standing water on their properties.
- Call **311** to report standing water.

For more information about West Nile virus, call 311, or go to <u>www.nyc.gov/health</u>.

\*Source: Mosquito and human West Nile virus surveillance data, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene