West Nile Virus activity* detected recently in the following
Brooklyn zip codes: 11214, 11224, 11230, 11232, 11234, 11235, 11236

Neighborhoods: Bensonhurst, Georgetown, Gravesend, Greenwood Heights, Marine Park, Midwood, Mill Island, Sea Gate, Starrett City

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 www.nyc.gov/health.

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

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