

## West Nile Virus activity\* detected recently in the following Queens zip codes: 11355, 11360, 11413, 11422, 11434, 11436, 11692

## <u>Neighborhoods: Bay Terrace, Brookville, Laureton, Pomonok, Rochdale Village, Rosedale,</u> <u>Somerville, South Jamaica, Springfield Gardens</u>

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