

West Nile Virus activity* detected recently in the following

Queens zip codes: 11355, 11356, 11357, 11358, 11360, 11362, 11364, 11365, 11413, 11414, 11422, 11423, 11426, 11434, 11436, 11691, 11692

<u>Neighborhoods: Arverne, Auburndale, Bay Terrace, Brookville, College Point, Far Rockaway, Fresh Meadows, Glen Oaks, Hollis,</u> <u>Holliswood, Howard Beach, Jamaica Estates, Laureton, Oakland Gardens, Pomonok, Rochdale Village, Rosedale, Somerville, South</u> <u>Jamaica, Springfield Gardens, White Stone</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