West Nile Virus activity* detected recently in the following Queens zip codes: 11101, 11106, 11354, 11356, 11357, 11360, 11361, 11362, 11364, 11365, 11367, 11368, 11375, 11377, 11379, 11413, 11414, 11415, 11421, 11422, 11423, 11426, 11434, 11691, 11692

Neighborhoods: Astoria, Auburndale, Bayside, Bay Terrace, Blissville, Brookville, College Point, Corona, East Elmhurst, Far Rockaway, Forest Hills, Fresh Meadows, Glen Oaks, Hollis, Holliswood, Howard Beach, Jamaica Estates, Kew Garden, Laureton, Linden Hill, Little Neck, Malba, Middle Village, Oakland Gardens, Pomonok, Ravenswood, Rochdale Village, Rosedale, Somerville, South Jamaica, West Maspeth, Woodhaven

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.

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

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