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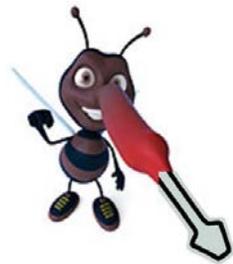
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West Nile Virus: Positive Mosquitos Reported in Nebraska

McCook - Mosquitos in two counties in northern Nebraska have tested positive for West Nile Virus (WNV) according to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department has started to trap for mosquitos in Chase and Red Willow counties.

“We had negative results for West Nile Virus from our first trappings but are concerned that mosquito numbers will be increasing after our recent rains in southwest Nebraska,” explains Tami Herskowitz, Surveillance Nurse. “Last year we had a confirmed death from WNV in our health district and we want to help our residents protect themselves from WNV.”



Herskowitz is leading a WNV awareness campaign for southwest Nebraska named “Let’s Put the Screw to West Nile Virus”. This campaign is targeting those individuals working outside who are more likely to be bitten by mosquitos, especially those in the oil field industry. A handy tool kit with three screwdrivers will be given out with DEET wipes and WNV fun facts throughout the summer.

More information on West Nile Virus may be found at our web site www.swhealth.ne.gov or call the McCook office at 308-345-4223. SWNPHD is located at 404 West 10th Street – one block north of Arby’s. You can also follow us on Facebook & Twitter.

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