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State public health officials announce West Nile virus-positive mosquitoes found in Westwood

Good afternoon Westwood Residents. This is Health Director Jared Orsini calling with an important message about mosquitos. The Westwood Board of Health was notified today that mosquitoes found in Westwood have tested positive for West Nile Virus.

Our alert level for West Nile Virus remains MODERATE. Our alert level for EEE remains LOW. As a reminder a risk level of moderate means residents should take extra precautions to protect themselves from mosquito bites.

Avoid mosquito bites by using an insect repellent with an EPA registered active ingredient such as DEET.

Limit time outdoors at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active.

When venturing outdoors wear long pants and long shirts whenever possible.

Consider rescheduling activities planned for dawn or dusk for a time when mosquitoes less active.

Avoid areas known to have a high mosquito population.

Remove standing water from around your home.

Mosquito control is available by request. Please visit the District's website at www.norfolkcountymosquito.org or call (781) 762-3681. If you have general questions about mosquitoes in our area or would like to report standing water, please call 781-320-1026.

Thank You