



West Nile Virus Found in Mosquitoes Across Three Minnesota Counties

Description

Mosquitoes with West Nile virus have been found in three counties in Minnesota. This news makes health officials warn people to be careful.

The Metropolitan Mosquito Control District (MMCD) collected samples from Hennepin, Ramsey, and Dakota counties. The samples tested positive for West Nile virus on June 17. This is the first time this year that the virus has been found. It usually appears in Minnesota during this time.

Last year, there were over 120 cases of West Nile virus in Minnesota. About 50 of these cases were in the Twin Cities. *Culex tarsalis* mosquitoes carry the virus to humans, according to MMCD.

The MMCD is increasing its work to watch for mosquitoes and treat areas with more risk. Residents are asked to use insect repellent, wear long sleeves, and clear any standing water. These actions can help reduce mosquito bites and the risk of the virus.

Vocabulary List:

1. **mosquitoes** //mə'ski:təʊz// (noun): small flying insects that bite and can spread disease
2. **virus** //ˈvaɪrəs// (noun): tiny germ that can make people or animals sick
3. **samples** //ˈsæmpəlz// (noun): small amounts taken to test for something
4. **positive** //ˈpɒzətɪv// (adjective): showing that the virus is present
5. **repellent** //rɪˈpelənt// (noun): a spray or lotion that keeps insects away
6. **cases** //ˈkeɪsɪz// (noun): times when someone has a disease or illness

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. In which counties in Minnesota have mosquitoes with West Nile virus been found?

Option: Hennepin, Ramsey, and Dakota

Option: Hennepin, Scott, and Clay

Option: Ramsey, Dakota, and Olmsted

Option: Anoka, Hennepin, and Washington



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2. When did the samples tested positive for West Nile virus?
- Option: June 1
 - Option: June 5
 - Option: June 17
 - Option: June 30
3. How many cases of West Nile virus were there in Minnesota last year?
- Option: 50
 - Option: 75
 - Option: 120
 - Option: 150
4. Which type of mosquitoes carries the West Nile virus according to MMCD?
- Option: Aedes aegypti
 - Option: Culex pipiens
 - Option: Culex tarsalis
 - Option: Anopheles quadrimaculatus
5. What are residents asked to do to reduce mosquito bites?
- Option: Use insect repellent and wear long sleeves
 - Option: Stay indoors
 - Option: Plant more trees
 - Option: Keep windows open
6. What is the Metropolitan Mosquito Control District abbreviated as?
- Option: MMCD
 - Option: MMD
 - Option: MCC
 - Option: MCDC

True-False

7. West Nile virus was found in Minnesota for the first time this year on June 17.
8. Last year, there were over 100 cases of West Nile virus in Minnesota.
9. The MMCD is reducing its efforts to monitor mosquitoes.



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10. Culex tarsalis mosquitoes do not carry the West Nile virus.
 11. Residents are advised to keep standing water around their homes.
 12. The virus usually appears in Minnesota during the winter months.

Gap-Fill

13. Mosquitoes with West Nile virus have been found in three counties in _____.
14. The samples tested positive for West Nile virus on _____.
15. About 50 of the cases of West Nile virus were in the _____.
16. The MMCD is increasing its work to watch for mosquitoes and treat areas with more _____.
17. Residents are asked to clear any standing _____.
18. Insect repellent and wearing long _____ can help reduce mosquito bites.

Answer

- Multiple Choice:** 1. Hennepin, Ramsey, and Dakota 2. June 17 3. 120 4. Culex tarsalis 5. Use insect repellent and wear long sleeves 6. MMCD
- True-False:** 7. True 8. True 9. False 10. False 11. False 12. False
- Gap-Fill:** 13. Minnesota 14. June 17 15. Twin Cities 16. risk 17. water 18. sleeves

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