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County plans mosquito-control application Wednesday in Moreno Valley

Due to an increase in the number of mosquitos trapped in the Moreno Valley area during routine surveillance, Riverside County on Wednesday (9/21) will apply an ultra-low volume of a material designed to reduce adult mosquito populations in the city.

The Environmental Health Vector Control Program's planned treatment by a truck-mounted sprayer is intended to reduce the population of mosquitos, which transmit West Nile virus and other illnesses. The area scheduled to be treated is west of Oliver Street where John F. Kennedy Drive dead ends, south of White Box Lane. The area was posted with signs Monday notifying residents of the planned treatment.

Application of the EPA-approved mosquito control product Zenivex (EPA Reg No 2724-807) is scheduled for Wednesday from 5 a.m. to 7 a.m. Zenivex is registered by the EPA for controlling mosquitos and protecting public health. This product is applied according to label instructions by trained and certified technicians.

Although the product poses very little to no risk for people, some may prefer to avoid exposure. Residents who wish to minimize exposure to themselves and pets should remain indoors and keep windows closed during ground application and for 15 minutes afterward. The amount of material sprayed is three ounces per acre, which ensures that humans, animals and crops are safe.

In addition, vector-control staff are intensifying mosquito surveillance, searching out breeding sites and conducting larval control where appropriate.

Follow these precautions to safeguard your family:

- Protect against mosquito bites by using insect repellent. Use a repellent with DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide), picaridin (KBR 3023), oil of lemon eucalyptus [p-methane 3, 8-diol (PMD)] or IR3535 according to the instructions on the product label. DEET products should not be used on infants under two months of

age and should be used in concentrations of 30 percent or less on older children. Lemon eucalyptus oil should not be used on children under three years of age.

- Be aware of peak mosquito hours. Dawn and dusk are peak biting times for many mosquitos. Consider rescheduling outdoor activities during that time. Report any day biting mosquitos to vector staff, stressing that you are being bitten during the day vs at dawn or dusk.
- Clothing can help reduce mosquito bites. Wear long-sleeves, long pants, and socks when outdoors to help keep mosquitos away from skin.
- Mosquito-proof your home. Drain standing water because mosquitos lay their eggs in standing water. Limit the number of places for mosquitos to breed by draining/discarding items that hold water. Check rain gutters and drains. Empty unused flowerpots and wading pools. Change water in birdbaths and pet bowls at least weekly.
- Keep mosquitos outside with tight-fitting screens on all windows and doors.

Please call the vector control office at 951-766-9454 if you have any questions, would like to report a mosquito problem in your area or to request fish that eat mosquito larvae. You may also visit our website <http://www.rivcoeh.org/Programs/vector> or Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/RiversideCountyEH/> for more information.

