

# Village of Clarendon Hills

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## Press Release

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### West Nile Detected in Clarendon Hills

The DuPage County Health Department confirmed today that initial testing of mosquito traps in the Village of Clarendon Hills have tested positive for West Nile Virus.

At this time, there have not yet been repetitive positive tests for West Nile Virus in mosquito traps in Clarendon Hills, but the traps will continue to be monitored. No human cases have been reported.

West Nile Virus can spread with continued hot, dry weather. The Clarendon Blackhawk Mosquito Abatement District (MAB) has been conducting larval control. According to the MAB, should there be successive positive tests, they will move forward with additional steps to control the adult mosquito population.

The West Nile Virus can be transmitted to humans from the bite of infected mosquitoes. The DuPage County Department of Health recommends taking the following precautions:

- Avoid being outdoors when mosquitoes are most active, especially between dusk and dawn.
- When outdoors, wear shoes and socks, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt, and apply insect repellent that includes DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR 3535 according to label instructions. Consult a physician before using repellents on infants.
- Make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or other openings. Try to keep doors and windows shut, especially at night.
- Eliminate all sources of standing water that can support mosquito breeding, including water in bird baths, ponds, flowerpots, wading pools, old tires and any other receptacles. In communities where there are organized mosquito control programs, contact your municipal government to report areas of stagnant water in roadside ditches, flooded yards and similar locations that may produce mosquitoes.

For additional information on West Nile, please visit the Village's West Nile Web page at [www.clarendonhills.us/westnilevirus.cfm](http://www.clarendonhills.us/westnilevirus.cfm). From that page, you can link to additional information at the CDC, DuPage County Health Department, and other resources on the West Nile Virus.