

**CLARENDON BLACKHAWK MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT
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The recent heat wave has allowed West Nile Virus to amplify to a level where its presence is being detected in adult mosquitoes at levels capable of being transmitted to humans. The DuPage County Health Department operates a network of gravid traps throughout the county to collect adult mosquito samples for subsequent testing of both West Nile Virus (WNV) and St. Louis Encephalitis (SLE). These traps are highly selective in collecting mosquitoes having had a blood meal and potential exposure to these diseases. Two gravid traps are located within the Village, with multiple positive samples for WNV collected.

The Clarendon Blackhawk Mosquito Abatement District, the agency responsible for mosquito control activities within the Village, has maintained an aggressive effort to control mosquito development while in their larval stage of development. Larval control operations have been ongoing since late April, and will be continuing into October. In response to the detection of escalated viral levels in the adult mosquito population, the District will be utilizing contingency adult mosquito control measures (weather permitting) on Friday, August 10 between the hours of 8:30pm - midnight to reduce the potential viral transmission cycle. The alternate date if operations are not conducted on that night is Saturday August 11 during the same time frame.

The threat of WNV will be with us for the rest of the summer. Residents are encouraged to use a common sense approach in avoiding exposure to adult mosquitoes and any potential mosquito borne diseases. Window screens should be inspected and repaired if damaged to prevent mosquitoes from entering the home. If possible, avoid outdoor activities around dusk. If not possible, wear shoes, socks, long pants and a long sleeved shirt. Loose fitting, light colored clothing is best. Appropriate use of insect repellents per manufacturer's instructions is recommended.

For additional information on WNV, please consult the following links:

www.dupagehealth.org/ehs

www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/wnv.htm