

First human West Nile Virus infection confirmed in Butte County

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BUTTE COUNTY, Calif. - The Butte County Public Health Department has announced the first confirmed human West Nile Virus infection in Butte County.

The infected person is an adult who suffered a fever-like illness.

As of Aug. 9, 2019, 10 human West Nile virus infections have been reported in California, not including the Butte County case.

The infection is active July through October, with August typically being the peak month in Butte County.

Health officials want to remind residents of the following tips to avoid contracting the virus:

- Avoid spending time outside when mosquitoes are active, especially at dusk and dawn
- If you must be outdoors when mosquitoes are active, wear long pants, and long-sleeved shirts, socks and shoes
- Before going outdoors, apply insect repellent containing DEET, Picaridin, IR3535 or oil of lemon eucalyptus according to label instructions
- Make sure that doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or holes
- Eliminate all standing water on your property that can support mosquito-breeding
- Report standing water to Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District
- Contact Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District if there is a significant mosquito problem where you live, work, and/or play