

# West Nile hits home

First human cases of WNV this year detected in Butte County

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Two human cases of **West Nile virus** (WNV), detected after both residents donated blood, were recently confirmed by Butte County Public Health. Both people were symptom-free and unaware of their infections.

WNV is transmitted to humans and animals by mosquito bites and can be fatal; symptoms include fever, headache, fatigue, muscle pain and nausea. So far this year, the Butte County **Mosquito and Vector Control District** has detected WNV in 15 mosquitoes and one dead bird, according to a BCPH press release.

The county reminds residents to avoid potentially infectious mosquitoes by using insect repellent, covering skin as much as possible in the early morning and evening, and removing standing water. To report unmaintained swimming pools, call 533-6038.