



NEWS ADVISORY

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FOGGING FOR MOSQUITOES TO BE CONDUCTED TOMORROW IN MARTINEZ

–Current conditions indicate higher risk for West Nile virus transmission–

WHAT/WHY: Due to high numbers of adult mosquitoes detected and the associated elevated risk of West Nile Virus, the Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control District will be fogging by an all-terrain vehicle to control adult mosquitoes.

WHEN: Wednesday, September 12, 2007. Fogging will take place between 7:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m., weather permitting.

WHERE: Martinez

Southern boundary: DiMaggio Drive and Union Pacific Railroad

Western boundary: Tarantino Drive and N. Court Street east of the park

Northern boundary: The marsh edge approximately 100 yards south of the Carquinez Strait waterfront.

Eastern boundary: Amorco Road

TREATMENT will be made with an all-terrain vehicle and ultra-low-volume equipment using [Pyrenone 25-5 Public Health Insecticide](#) (pyrethrin).

ACTION REQUIRED BY RESIDENTS: None. All products used are approved by the Environmental Protection Agency for the use of controlling mosquitoes and protecting public health. Maintaining swimming pools and spas, and dumping standing water that can serve as a mosquito habitat are essential in reducing the risk of contracting West Nile virus. Wear mosquito repellent when outdoors, especially at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are present.

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MAPS/INFO: Visit the District's website at www.ccmvcd.dst.ca.us to see maps of areas to be fogged/sprayed, as well as information on all West Nile virus activity/cases in Contra Costa County for 2007.

NOTIFICATION: The District recently introduced an automatic email notification for people wishing to learn about adult mosquito fogging or spraying in the county. Anyone can visit the District's website at www.ccmvcd.dst.ca.us and opt to receive the notifications automatically. Earlier this year, the Contra Costa County sheriff's department announced that they discontinued their telephone notification calls for District adult mosquito spray operations since their reevaluation indicated that it did not meet their emergency criteria.

The District offers several ways in which people can learn about adult mosquito spray operations. Residents can visit the District website and view the information, opt in for the email notifications, or simply phone the District for a recorded message at (925) 685-9301.

2006: Last year in Contra Costa County, eight people were documented with West Nile virus and two people died.

2007 - TO DATE IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY: To date in 2007, there have been 19 birds, three chickens, and 27 mosquito samples that have tested positive for West Nile virus.