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WNV Detected in Human

Clinical cases of West Nile virus (WNV) have been detected in humans within the Two Rivers Public Health Department district (Buffalo, Dawson, Franklin, Gosper, Harlan, Kearney, Phelps Counties). Laboratory testing for WNV is reported by hospitals or by locations collecting blood donations. About 1 in 5 people who are infected with WNV develop a fever with other symptoms such as headache, body aches, joint pains, vomiting, diarrhea, or rash. Most people with febrile illness due to WNV recover completely, but fatigue and weakness can last for weeks or months. Serious symptoms occur in less than 1% of infected people.

WNV can be transmitted to humans through mosquito bites. To prevent mosquito bites, one should practice good mosquito control by removing standing water, using EPA-registered insect repellents, and by wearing long-sleeved pants and shirts. There is no WNV vaccine for humans.

To date, there have been fewer human cases of West Nile Virus reported in 2024 than in 2023.

Two Rivers Public Health's regular office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The office can be contacted at 888-669-7154.

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