

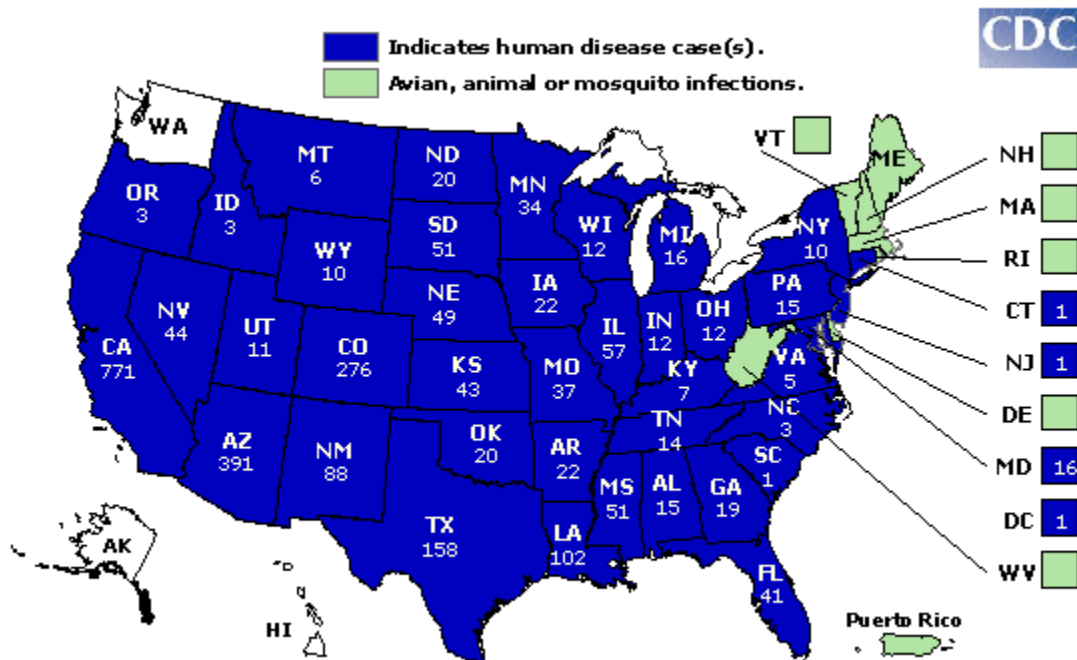
West Nile Virus Awareness



Guess who's back? That's right, our friend the mosquito. That also means it's time to remember the steps we need to take in preventing West Nile Virus Transmission.

Did you know that in Colorado for the year 2004 there were approximately 291 human cases reported to the Colorado Department of Public Health? This is the 3rd highest total in the country. Four Coloradoans actually died from West Nile Virus Infections.

2004 West Nile Virus Activity in the United States (reported to CDC as of January 11, 2005*)



An ongoing effort with the Denver Department of Environmental Health-Division of Animal Control , Denver Parks and Recreation and the Denver Department of Public Works-Wastewater Management Division is part of the City's effort to control this problem. A number of known sites are monitored and routinely treated by Animal Control personnel. In addition to this, every siphon in Denver's storm sewer system, approximately 700 sets, are treated with Vectolex Larvacide applications on a monthly basis by Wastewater Management Division personnel.

But in addition to these efforts, an educated public is just as important.

Please take advantage of the excellent information available on the West Nile Virus and how to protect your family and your community from the transmission of this disease.

You will find a wealth of information, contact numbers and brochures at the following web sites:

www.denvergov.org/animalcontrol

www.cdphe.state.co.us

www.fightthebite.colorado.com

We don't have to stop enjoying the outdoors; we just have to take the simple steps to protect ourselves. Please educate yourself, your family, and your friends.