

## WHAT CLARK RESIDENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT WEST NILE VIRUS

THE CLARK HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL BEGIN WEST NILE VIRUS SURVEILLANCE ON APRIL 15<sup>th</sup>

WEST NILE VIRUS IS TRANSMITTED TO HUMANS THROUGH THE BITE OF MOSQUITOES, NOT CROWS. THERES IS NO EVIDENCE OF PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSMISSION.

SYMPTOMS OF WEST NILE VIRUS INCLUDE MILD, NON-SPECIFIC FLU LIKE SYMPTOMS, HIGH FEVER, CHILLS, BODY ACHES, RAPID ONSET OF HEADACHE, STIFF NECK, DISOREIENTATION, TREMORS, COMA, CONVULSIONS AND PARALYSIS. THE ELDERLY, YOUNG AND IMMUNOCOMPROMISED ARE THE MOST SUSCEPTIBLE.

RESIDENTS ARE URGED TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING PRECAUTIONS:

1. ELIMINATE ALL AREAS OF STANDING AND STAGNANT WATER SUCH AS TIRES, CLOGGED GUTTERS, OPEN GARBAGE CANS, BIRD BATHS, WHEEL BARRELS, BUCKETS, POOL AND POOL COVERS. ANY HOMEOWNER MAINTAINING A POOL AND/OR POOL COVER WITH STAGNANT WATER WILL BE ISSUED A SUMMONS.
2. WEAR LIGHT COLORED, LONG SLEEVE SHIRTS AND LONG PANTS WHEN OUTDOORS.
3. LIMIT OUTDOOR ACTIVITY IN THE EARLY EVENING.
4. INSECT REPELLANTS MAY BE APPLIED TO SKIN OR PREFERRABLY CLOTHING. RESIDENTS ARE URGED TO READ ALL INSECT REPELLANT LABELS AND PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS ESPECIALLY WHEN APPLYING REPELLANTS TO CHILDREN

RESIDENTS WITH QUESTIONS REGARDING MOSQUITOES AND SPRAYING, MUST CONTACT THE UNION COUNTY MOSQUITO COMMISSION AT 908-654-9835. TO REPORT AN INJURED, SICK OR DEAD BIRD, RESIDENTS MUST CONTACT NANCY RAYMOND, HEALTH OFFICER AT 732-428-8405 PLEASE LEAVE YOUR NAME ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER AND THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE BIRD.