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Mosquitos In Hartford Test Positive For West Nile Virus



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Mosquitos trapped in Hartford have tested positive for West Nile Virus, the state Department of Public Health announced Wednesday.

Eight Connecticut residents have been reported to have had West Nile Virus this year, including two that were infected outside the state, the DPH stated. Mosquitos that tested positive for West Nile Virus have been discovered in 21 towns, including Hartford, New Haven, Bridgeport, and Stamford.

"Virus activity in mosquitoes has slowed due to the cooler weather, but we continue to find infected mosquitoes throughout central and southern regions of the state," said Dr. Theodore G. Andreadis, Ph.D., Chief Medical Entomologist for the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station. "The threat for human infection will remain for several more weeks."

Other towns in which mosquitos were found with West Nile Virus are: Bethel, Darien, Fairfield, Greenwich, Manchester, Meriden, Milford, Newtown, Norwalk, New Britain, Orange, Stratford, Trumbull, Wallingford, West Haven, Westport, and Wethersfield.

For more information on West Nile Virus and tips for preventing mosquito bites, visit www.ct.gov/mosquito.

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