

NEWSLETTER



WEST NILE VIRUS

For those who remember back to 2002, WNV made it's first appearance in the State of Wyoming. Since then towns, cities and counties have implemented programs to help reduce mosquito populations throughout the late summer months. The goal of these programs being; to protect residence from the virus. With that being said, reducing populations does not mean eliminating all culex mosquitoes that carry and transmit WNV. Agencies provide educational pamphlets, fogging, larvicides (in GCWP case), trapping and testing for WNV.

Mosquitoes become infected when they feed on infected birds. Infected mosquitoes then spread West Nile virus to people and other animals by biting them. Mosquitoes carry the highest amounts of the virus in the late summer and early fall, which is why more people get the disease in late August to early September. Records show that most people are protected from getting West Nile virus disease again once they have had it.



West Nile virus is not spread:

- Through coughing, sneezing, or touching
- By touching live or dead animals
- Through eating infected animals

Why is controlling mosquitoes important?

- spread viruses like West Nile, dengue, Zika, and parasites like malaria
- 200+ types of mosquitoes in the United States and US territories, about 12 types spread germs.

The Wyoming Department of Health gathers data from each county in Wyoming on West Nile Virus cases and testing programs. Visit <https://health.wyo.gov/publichealth/infectious-disease-epidemiology-unit/disease/west-nile-virus/> for more information on human cases, pools tested and animal cases reported.

GCWP WNV TESTING AND PROTOCOL

GCWP posts fogging routes and testing results on our website. If you haven't been over to our website here is a glimpse of our summer 2023 mosquito program. We've been trapping and testing Culex mosquitoes each week, positive pools are listed below and also reported to the Wyoming Department of Health

Summer 2023 mosquito testing results:

Positive pool tested:

7/17/, 8/14, 8/28 - Badger Town (East Torrington)

8/7, 8/10, 8/22 - Hawk Springs

8/15 - Huntley

8/28 - Dillman

Traps are set weekly in these areas:

Table Mt, Hawk Springs, Veteran, North Canal
Huntley, Dillman, Badger Town, McKenna

Fogging Routes: (fogging takes place between 6-8pm)

Monday & Wednesdays - McKenna, Hawk Springs, Veteran, Huntley
Tuesdays & Thursdays - E. Torrington, West Torrington, Dillman, S. Torrington

Is your town not being fogged? GCWP only fogs routes listed above. Incorporated towns (Torrington, Lingle, Fort Laramie, LaGrange, Yoder) operate an independent schedule. Reach out to your Town Mayor for information on your town fogging schedules.

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JIRDON'S PARK
EVERY THURSDAY
4 - 6 PM

Goshen County Weed & Pest sets up a educational booth at the Torrington Farmer's Market on most Thursday's!

If you haven't had a chance to swing in, you still have time! The event will last until October!

This is a great opportunity to chat with GCWP while supporting a lot of local vendors!

STAY IN THE KNOW

- Sept 1 & 4- Office closed for Labor Day
- Sept 14 - GCWP Board Meeting
- Farmer's Market on Thursdays @ Jirdon's Park

Rental foggers
are available
here at the
office!