

West Nile Virus

INFORMATION AND FACTS



Basic Facts

- West Nile is a virus that mainly infects birds.
- Mosquitoes that feed on infected birds take in the virus.
- Mosquitoes can transmit it to other animals and humans they bite later.
- The virus is not passed on person to person.
- Most people who are bitten by mosquitoes are not bitten by an infected mosquito.
- Most people who are bitten by an infected mosquito do not get sick.
- Most people who do get sick get a mild disease.
- Very few people can develop severe disease.
- Mosquitoes are prevalent in Tucson during summer and early fall.

Here are some things that you can do to reduce being bitten by a mosquito:

- Limit time outdoors from dusk until dawn.
- Use mosquito repellents that contain DEET.
- Wear lightweight, loose-fitting long sleeve shirts and pants whenever possible.
- Check the screening on your windows and doors.

For more information:

www.pimahealth.org/disease/westnile.html • www.westnileaz.com



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