



WEST NILE VIRUS NOTICE



HIGH WEST NILE VIRUS CASE COUNTS CONTINUE TO BE DETECTED WITHIN MARICOPA AND PINAL COUNTY

What is the West Nile Virus?

- The West Nile Virus (WNV), is a disease spread through the bite of certain mosquitoes, and is now common in Arizona.
- Symptoms: It is a viral illness and can cause flu-like symptoms:
 - Fever with headache, rash, muscle pain/ body aches, joint pain, vomiting diarrhea for mild illness.
 - Rarely patients can develop severe illness that affects the nervous system and can cause inflammation of the brain with high fever, neck stiffness, severe headache, confusion, seizures or paralysis.
- **Currently the Gila River Indian Community has not detected the presence of West Nile Virus (WNV).**



Prevention Tips

- ✓ Eliminate standing water where mosquitoes can lay their eggs.
- ✓ Check for items outside the home that collect water, such as cans, bottles, jars, buckets, old tires, drums, and other containers, and get rid of them.
- ✓ Change water in flower vases, birdbaths, planters, troughs, and animal watering pans at least twice a week. Be sure to scrub them out when changing water.
- ✓ Repair leaky pipes and outside faucets, and move air conditioner drain hoses frequently to prevent standing water.



- ✓ Keep mosquitoes outside by having well-fitting screens on both windows and doors.
- ✓ Even spending a short time outdoors can be long enough to be bitten by a mosquito. Take extra care to use insect repellent and protective clothing. When outdoors, use an EPA-registered and CDC-approved insect repellent.
- ✓ Repellent is available at the District Service Centers and the Tribal Health Department.



For more information please contact the Tribal Health Department Environmental Health Services at (520) 562-5100