

West Nile Virus

What you should know

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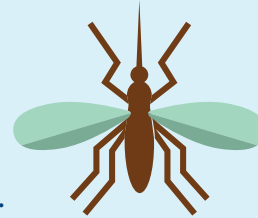
What is it?



West Nile virus can be a serious, even fatal, illness. It can affect people and animals.

How does it spread?

A bite from an infected mosquito spreads West Nile virus.



Contact with infected people or animals doesn't spread West Nile virus.

Protect yourself.



Drain anything that holds water twice a week.



Wear a long-sleeved shirt and long pants.

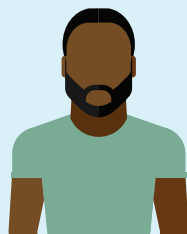


Use mosquito repellent when outside.

What are the symptoms?

West Nile virus can cause:

- Fever.
- Headache.
- Rash.
- Swollen lymph nodes.
- Muscle and joint aches.



Most infected people won't get sick.



20% of infected people will get sick.



Less than 1% of infected people will get very sick.

Learn more at tpchd.org/westnile