

April, 2021

## The Valley Buzz

### MANAGER'S MESSAGE:



As the spring temperatures rise, now is the time to do your backyard hygiene review, ensuring that there are no standing water sources in your yard.

Our cities saw a significant increase in day-time biting mosquitoes last year and these mosquitoes love small water sources, such as flower pots and yard drains.

For more information on mosquitoes and other vectors, connect with us on Facebook or Twitter, or go to [www.wmvcd.org](http://www.wmvcd.org).

*Dr. Michelle Brown*

### TECHNICIAN'S TIPS:

#### Spring has Sprung!

As our California weather returns to hot days and warm evenings, it brings with it our dreaded outdoor companions! Operation technicians are seeing a marked increase in mosquito breeding in typical spots like underground storm drains, dairy lagoons, and of course, backyards!

Remember, it only takes a bottle cap's worth of water to breed mosquitoes. Take a look around your yard for those sneaky breeding sites

and dump them out. If you want a professional to help you uncover those hidden water sources, call us for an inspection. There is no cost, it's fast, and we can help you protect your family and neighbors from those backyard biters!



These  
sources  
could  
be in  
**YOUR**  
yard!

## FROM OUR LABORATORY:

### Testing Testing... 1,2!

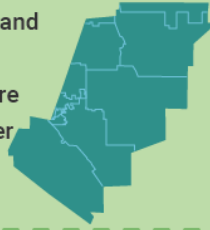
The West Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District has one of the most advanced labs in Southern California, and we put this amazing lab to work protecting you! We collect mosquitoes throughout our cities and test them not only for common diseases like West Nile virus, but also for emerging diseases like Dengue and Chikungunya.

Even though these tropical mosquito-transmitted diseases have not yet been found here, we want to be proactive and ready for them when and if these diseases do show up in our cities. Last year, we tested 2,780 mosquito samples and set 2,658 traps across the District! Staying ahead of disease and identifying problem areas early important methods to keep our residents safe.

# WVMVCD Mosquito Surveillance: By the Numbers

In 2020, a total of **2,658** mosquito surveillance traps were set in all cities we service.

West Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District covers up to 210 square miles and services over **650,000** residents.



There were 3 types of traps set to catch mosquitoes within the District.



**34%**  
Host-seeking Trap



**30%**  
Aedes Specific Trap

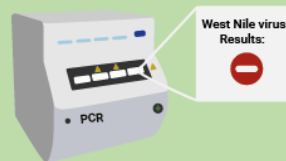
**36%**  
Egg-laying Trap



An average of **60** traps were set weekly by our laboratory staff.



On average, **63** tests were run weekly on mosquito samples collected from traps.



For the average family the cost of WVMVCD services is only **32** cents per week.



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## OUTREACHING OUT TO YOU!

Although Coronavirus has put a damper on our in-person meetings with our residents, we are still hard at work virtually educating you! Be sure to visit our website and social media for weekly updates on the status of mosquito-borne diseases in our community as well as tips and tricks for a safe and bite-free summer.

Mosquito Awareness Week started April 18<sup>th</sup>, and we are celebrating by inviting folks to share their thoughts on mosquitoes with a meme contest! Submit your creations on social media and you might win a prize!

West Valley Mosquito and Vector Control Presents

# MOSQUITO AWARENESS WEEK

## #MOSQUITOMEME CONTEST

Join our event for Mosquito Awareness Week and submit your family friendly mosquito memes to win a prize!

Submit all memes by tagging us on any of our social media handles shown below or use the hashtag #mosquitomemes

Last Date to submit is

**April 24th, 2021**

Submit to Win!

Prizes and winners will be announced at a later date!

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# What do you mean



# You don't use mosquito repellent?!?

While we face many challenges in public health, we are confident that with your continued support, cooperation, and friendship, we can continue to protect our residents in this vast and ever-changing landscape.

*Thank you for supporting us over the years!*

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