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West Nile Virus Alert

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To SCCMAD residents;

The risk from West Nile Virus is high in the South Cook County Mosquito Abatement District. Mosquito pools have been testing positive at a high rate throughout Cook County. Mosquito pools tested the week of July 22nd -28th were nearly 41.2% (61/148) positive in the suburban Cook County. This is peak season for human transmission of West Nile in the Chicago area. The threats of West Nile transmission will be high until cooler temperatures break the transmission cycle in the region.

The South Cook County Mosquito Abatement District is doing what it can to stop this threat and reduce mosquito populations in our area. Larviciding, adulticiding, and source reduction will continue until the mosquito season is over.

It is important to help us control mosquito populations in your communities by removing any standing water around your property. Unused swimming pools, bird bath, buckets, and any other containers that can hold water more than a few days can be potential breeding area for mosquito that spreads this disease. Empty or clean these containers to help prevent mosquitos from multiplying. Also, it is important to use mosquito repellent and wear long pants and long sleeve shirts at times when mosquitos are most likely to bite early morning, at dusk or when working in areas of heavy vegetation.

For more information visit our website at www.SCCMAD.com or our Facebook page South Cook County Mosquito Abatement District.

Sincerely,

Douglas Wright General Manager