With the warm weather, comes the return of Tucson’s Mosquito season and our reminder to the Campus Community to prevent West Nile Virus and other potential mosquito transmitted illnesses (e.g. Dengue Fever, Chikungunya, and Zika) in conjunction with the Pima County Health Department's Fight the Bite! Day and Night efforts.

West Nile Virus (WNV) is a mosquito borne virus endemic in Arizona mosquitoes since 2003, with the mosquito season peaking from May through October. In Arizona during 2015, there were 103 confirmed or probable human WNV cases and 7 fatalities reported. Pima County had 29 confirmed or probable cases. There have been no locally acquired cases of Chikungunya or Zika infections in Pima County or Arizona. There has been one case of West Nile Virus in Yuma County this year.

Facilities Management prevents mosquito breeding on campus by treating outdoor areas of standing water with safe mosquito larvicide. We ask University building managers and occupants to also help Fight the Bite! by taking the following steps:

**KNOW**

**MOSQUITO-BORNE ILLNESS IS PREVENTABLE**

- Most People (4 out of 5) have no symptoms.
- Some people have mild symptoms that last a few days, such as fever, headache, tiredness, rash.
- A few people develop serious symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, neck stiffness and/or disorientation, numbness and muscle weakness. Being 50+ years of age increases risk. Seek medical attention immediately.

**RESOURCES**

- Pima County Health Department
  Pima County Mosquito hotline: (520) 724-7908
- Arizona Department of Health
- CDC

**INSECT REPELLENTS WORK**

- Choose an effective repellent such as DEET, picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus on exposed skin.
- Permethrin is for use on clothes, bed nets and camping gear, not on skin.
- Read and follow instructions on label.

**DO**

**REPORT**

- Standing water and mosquito concerns to your building manager or Facilities Management: (520) 621-3000
- Flush all plant saucers, lab sinks and floor drains twice per week.
- Keep all windows closed and report doors/windows that do not close properly.
- Dump all drinks in sink before trash disposal of cups and cans.
- Put a lid on garbage.

**WEAR**

- Long sleeve shirts and pants whenever possible.

**USE INSECT REPELLENT IF OUTDOORS FOR EXTENDED PERIODS OF TIME**

- Available at the UA Campus Health Pharmacy and other retailers.

**EDUCATE**

**PRINT & POST**

**RISK MANAGEMENT WNV LINKS**

**PREVENT INDOOR MOSQUITO BREEDING**

- UA CAMPUS HEALTH WNV FLIER
- AZ ARBOVIRAL HANDBOOK
- UA CAMPUS HEALTH WNV POSTER