

West Nile Virus activity* detected recently in the following Staten Island zip codes: 10301, 10304, 10305, 10306, 10307, 10309, 10314

Neighborhoods: Castleton Corners, Dongan Hills, Grant City, Midland Beach, New Dorp, New Dorp Beach, Old Town,

Pleasant Plains, Richmond Valley, South Beach, Westerleigh

Now is the time for New Yorkers – especially people over 50 or with weakened immune systems – to take **personal precautions to prevent mosquito bites:**

- Use repellents that contain 2-undecanone, DEET, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus, IR3535, or Picaridin and ALWAYS follow label instructions.
- If outside from dusk to dawn, **wear protective clothing** if possible, such as loose-fitting pants, long-sleeved shirts, and socks.
- Make sure that your doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Fix or replace screens that have tears or holes.

Reduce mosquito exposure around your home:

- Eliminate any standing water that collects on your property.
- Remind or help neighbors to eliminate standing water on their properties.
- Call **311** to report standing water.

For more information about West Nile virus, call 311, or go to <u>www.nyc.gov/health</u>.

*Source: Mosquito West Nile virus surveillance data, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene