



# CITY OF KENNER

## News Release

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## TIME TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST WEST NILE VIRUS

**Kenner, LA** – Chickens located near Kenner Veterans Park by the City Hall complex have tested positive within the last few days for West Nile virus, an official for Mosquito Control Services said.

Steve Pavlovich, entomologist for Mosquito Control, the mosquito contractor for the parish, said the company has placed chickens in locations throughout Kenner and the parish in order to perform regular testing to determine if mosquitoes carrying West Nile are present.

He said all of the drains in the park were sprayed with larvicide after the test results came back and spraying has also taken place throughout the park and by homes that surround the park.

Occasionally testing live chickens is one of the ways that officials determine if West Nile virus is present in a particular community. Officials in New Orleans, St. Bernard Parish and St. Tammany Parish have also recently reported the West Nile virus present in mosquito samples. At this time, there have been no human cases of West Nile reported in Kenner.

Pavlovich said the risk is greatest at dawn and dusk, and anyone who will be near the park at those times should wear long sleeves and pants and consider applying an insect repellent recommended by the Centers for Disease Control.

It takes about seven days for mosquito larvae to develop into adults, according to mosquito experts. Homeowners are encouraged to check their property for any standing areas of water, including birdbaths, pet dishes, plant containers and water fountains – as well as trash cans, tires and tarps.

Most people bitten by a mosquito that is infected have no symptoms. However, very young children and people 65 and older – as well as those with compromised immune systems – are most at risk.

For additional information on mosquito control, go to:

[http://www.kenner.la.us/59/Mosquito\\_control\\_rotator.pdf](http://www.kenner.la.us/59/Mosquito_control_rotator.pdf)

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