

Rise: West Nile Virus Survey

1. Have you ever heard of West Nile virus?

YES	99%
NO	1%

2. Do you know how West Nile virus is transmitted to humans?

YES	94%
NO	6%

3. You said yes. Please choose from the list below how you think West Nile virus is transmitted to humans. Please select only one answer.

Through an infected bird	4%
Through a mosquito bite	96%
Through contact with other humans who are infected	0%
Other (specified below)	<1%

4. When did you first hear about West Nile virus?

Within the last year	9%
1-2 years ago	38%
2-3 years ago	35%
More than 3 years ago	18%

5. How concerned are you about West Nile virus? Please indicate level of concern

Not concerned at all	11%
Somewhat concerned	36%
Moderately concerned	33%
Very concerned	20%

6. Do you personally know anyone who has contracted West Nile virus?

YES	6%
NO	94%

7. Please indicate how easy you think it is to treat West Nile virus.

Very difficult	15%
Difficult	32%
Average	45%
Easy	7%
Very easy	1%

8. Please indicate how deadly you think West Nile virus is.

Not deadly at all	0%
Rarely deadly	11%
Average	33%
Potentially deadly	37%
Very deadly	19%

9. Please indicate how you would rate the current threat of West Nile virus.

It's decreasing	2%
Slightly decreasing	13%
Average	36%
Slightly increasing	29%
It's increasing	20%

10. Please indicate how easily you think West Nile virus is contracted.

Very easily	16%
Somewhat easily	25%
Average	43%
Some difficulty	14%
With much difficulty	2%

11. Is West Nile virus contagious?

Yes	7%
No	60%
I don't know	33%

12. Please indicate how likely you think it is that a vaccine will be developed to prevent West Nile virus.

Very likely	22%
Somewhat likely	33%
Average	34%
Somewhat unlikely	8%
Very unlikely	3%

13. Please indicate how you would rate media coverage of West Nile virus.

Not enough coverage	11%
A little coverage	17%
Just the right amount	53%
More than enough	15%
Too much	4%

14. Have you taken any precautions to protect yourself and/or your family against West Nile virus?

YES	50%
NO	50%

15. What precautions have you taken? Please select all that apply.

	Have	Have Not
Removed areas of standing water	70%	30%
Repaired window or door screens	36%	64%
Used insect repellents with DEET	73%	27%
Used natural, non-DEET repellents	25%	75%
Made sure my family was wearing insect repellents when they went outdoors	63%	37%
Stayed inside at dusk and dawn	42%	58%
Worn long sleeves and light-colored clothing	42%	58%
Sought information about local mosquito control	18%	82%
Reported a dead bird to local health officials	9%	91%
Other (specified below)	3%	97%

16. When did you take the precautions?

Currently	51%
Within the last 3 months	11%
3 months to 1 year ago	11%
1-2 year ago	17%
2 or more years ago	9

17. Have you taken any precautions against West Nile virus while on vacation or away from home?

YES	42%
NO	58%

18. What precautions have you taken while on Vacations or away from home?

	Have	Have Not
Removed areas of standing water	24%	76%
Repaired window or door screens	12%	88%
Used insect repellents with DEET	80%	20%
Used natural, non-DEET repellents	29%	71%
Made sure my family was wearing insect repellents when they went outdoors	64%	36%
Stayed inside at dusk and dawn	33%	67%
Worn long sleeves and light-colored clothing	49%	51%
Sought information about local mosquito control	9%	91%
Reported a dead bird to local health officials	4%	96%
Other (specified below)	1%	99%

19. Do you have pets?

YES	71%
NO	29%

20. Have you taken any precautions to protect your pets against West Nile virus?

YES	33%
NO	67%

21. Does your community have a plan for controlling West Nile virus?

YES	16%
NO	20%
I don't know	64%

22. You said yes. Do you know what your community has done?

YES	88%
NO	12%

23. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statement:

Communities should implement mosquito management programs that include applying mosquito control products (such as fogging or spraying) when the threat of West Nile virus is present.

Definitely not	1%
Probably not	4%
Impartial	18%
Probably should	26%
Definitely should	51%

24. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statement

My community has been effective in keeping West Nile virus under control.

Strongly Agree	6%
Agree	16%
Neutral	54%
Disagree	15%
Strongly disagree	9%

25. What do you think are the most effective methods of fighting West Nile virus? *Please select three*

	Selected as Effective	Did not Select
Removing areas of standing water from my property	69%	31%
Educating the public on what they can do to prevent it	61%	39%
City/County surveillance of mosquito populations and human cases of the disease	34%	66%
Killing mosquito eggs that hatch in water by using larvicide	35%	65%
A community mosquito control management program which includes fogging/spraying	56%	44%
Applying mosquito repellants that contain DEET	37%	63%
Applying natural, non-DEET repellents	8%	92%
Other (please specify)	1%	99%

26. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements.

Mosquito control products used in my community are well tested and regulated

Strongly Agree	5%
Agree	12%
Neutral	62%
Disagree	13%
Strongly disagree	7%

Mosquito control products used in my community are effective

Strongly Agree	5%
Agree	17%
Neutral	59%
Disagree	13%
Strongly disagree	6%

27. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements.

*Mosquito control products used in communities **other than mine** are well tested and regulated*

Strongly Agree	4%
Agree	13%
Neutral	69%
Disagree	11%
Strongly disagree	3%

*Mosquito control products used in my communities **other than mine** are effective*

Strongly Agree	4%
Agree	13%
Neutral	70%
Disagree	11%
Strongly disagree	2%

28. In your opinion, are pesticides effective and safe for use in fighting West Nile virus

YES	66%
NO	34%

29. Are you male or female?

Male	26%
Female	74%

30. What is your age range?

21-24	10%
25-29	15%
30-34	13%
35-44	26%
45-54	24%
55+	12%

31. Do you have any children at home?

YES	52%
NO	48%