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Mosquito season is still here; take precaution to prevent mosquito borne disease

Martin County Mosquito Control reminds residents and visitors that mosquitoes are still prevalent in the County. Martin County conducts routine testing for mosquito borne viruses including West Nile virus. The county uses chicken flocks as sentinels to detect the presence of these viruses. At present, there are no suspected or confirmed human cases in the county. However, several chickens within the Martin County sentinel flocks have recently tested positive for West Nile virus.

Due to our climate on the Treasure Coast, there is some risk of exposure to mosquito borne disease throughout the year. Martin County and the Florida Department of Health in Martin County want to emphasize the importance of residents and visitors protecting themselves against mosquito borne diseases. Residents are advised to wear protective clothing, such as long sleeves and pants, and apply insect repellent according to label directions when outdoors, especially at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active. To prevent mosquitoes around the home, repair or replace screening and empty any containers in the yard that may contain standing water.

For more information on mosquito borne disease and symptoms, visit www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/mosquito-borne-diseases/ or call the Florida Department of Health in Martin County at 772-221-4000.

For more information on Martin County Mosquito Control, visit <http://www.martin.fl.us/mosquitocontrol> or call 772-419-6974. Follow us on Facebook at www.martin.fl.us/BoardofCountyCommissioners or Twitter @MartinCountygov.

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