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Dear Residents,

We, at Northwest Mosquito Abatement District, take our commitment to ensure the health and safety of our residents and employees very seriously. Normally at this time of year we are getting ready to begin our mosquito control operations. However, this spring and summer we are also having to contend with Covid-19. We are still committed to protecting citizens from mosquito-borne diseases, specifically West Nile virus.

- We are implementing physical distancing protocols in order to reduce the chance of our employees and citizens contracting and/or spreading the virus.
- These precautions are necessary to ensure we will be able to continue to survey, monitor and abate mosquitoes which can transmit West Nile virus.
- Covid-19 and these necessary precautions have impacted hiring and standard operational workflows.
- This will limit us in the number of sites we will be able to inspect and treat.
- We will be focusing on the species capable of transmitting West Nile virus.
- Please continue to monitor this website for updated information.

Mosquitoes Cannot Transmit the New Coronavirus

To date there has been no information nor evidence to suggest that the new coronavirus could be transmitted by mosquitoes. The new coronavirus is a respiratory virus which spreads primarily through droplets generated when an infected person coughs or sneezes, or through droplets of saliva or discharge from the nose. To protect yourself, clean your hands frequently with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water. Also, avoid close contact with anyone who is coughing and sneezing.

FACT:
The new coronavirus **CANNOT** be transmitted through mosquito bites

World Health Organization #Coronavirus #COVID19

In addition, CDC offers the following

- Mosquitoes and ticks can't spread all types of viruses.
- At this time, we have no data to suggest that COVID-19 or other similar coronaviruses (e.g. SARS, MERS) are spread by mosquitoes or ticks.
- For a virus to pass to a person through a mosquito or tick bite, the virus must be able to replicate inside the mosquito or tick.