



West Nile Virus Testing  
Health Advisory  
August 14, 2023

Potter and Randall Counties have recently had positive cases of West Nile Virus and positive West Nile mosquito pools. Therefore, the risk of West Nile Virus transmission is increased.

Amarillo Public Health and Amarillo Environmental Health are issuing this notification to encourage providers to continue testing for West Nile Virus. According to the Texas Department of State health services (DSHS) the testing requirements for West Nile Virus case confirmation include West Nile IGM, West Nile IGG, St. Louis Encephalitis IGG and IGM.

Amarillo Public Health recommends testing for West Nile Virus to support patient care and to help Amarillo Environmental Health target vector control activities. These vector control activities include increased mosquito spraying in affected geographic areas.

Please continue to remind patients about the 4 D's of mosquito protection:

- DEET containing mosquito repellent should be applied to protect from mosquito bites.
- Dress in light colored pants and long sleeve when outdoors so skin is covered.
- Drain standing water from all outside containers including buckets, tires, flowerpots, birdbaths, and pet water dishes. Scrub them well if refilling.
- Dusk are dawn are when mosquitoes are most actively feeding so avoid being outdoors during those times.

Thank you for partnering with us to help reduce the spread of West Nile Virus in our community. For additional resources visit <https://www.cdc.gov/westnile/index.html>