

WNV Severity

What are the symptoms of West Nile virus?

Although the majority of those infected with WNV do not become ill, people can develop severe infections with high fever, headache, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, paralysis, body aches, skin rash, and swollen lymph glands. This is called West Nile encephalitis.

People with less severe infections may experience fever, headache, body aches, skin rash, and swollen lymph glands. This is called West Nile fever.

If you have any of these symptoms, contact your health care provider.

Are there long-term consequences of West Nile virus?

While most infections are usually mild, West Nile encephalitis can result in brain damage or death. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that neurological effects may be permanent. Some improvements may be seen over time.

Is there treatment or a vaccine?

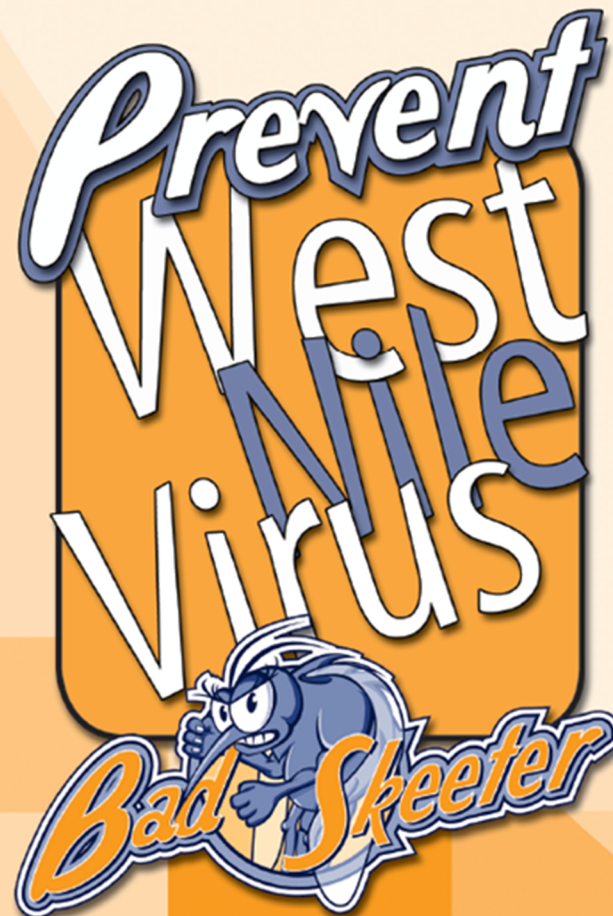
There is no specific treatment for WNV infection nor is a human vaccine available.

Contact Information

For more information on West Nile virus or to learn more about dead bird or human sample submissions, visit our website at:

<http://www.badskeeter.org>

Concerned horse owners are encouraged to contact their veterinarian for vaccine information or any other questions on WNV. Alternatively, phone the Wyoming Livestock Board at 1-307-777-7515.



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