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## **Media Release**

### **Critical Period in West Nile Virus Prevention**

The period between August 1 through September 15 is critical for West Nile Virus (W.N.V.) prevention. Despite reduced biting mosquitoes, seen during early summer flooding, and cooler temperatures, W.N.V. activity is running ahead of 2003. To date 45 counties in Illinois have reported W.N.V. activity. Kane County has documented 8 positive birds and 2 positive mosquito batches. The type of mosquito that carries the W.N.V. increases in number during July and August and the percentage of infected mosquitoes also increase.

In summary, personal protection measures against mosquitoes in August and early September are very important even if the number of mosquitoes seen by the public now are fewer than earlier in the summer. Precautions should be exercised at typical late summer early fall family gatherings or sporting events.

Contact the Kane County Health Department at (630) 208-3803 or visit our website at [kanehealth.com](http://kanehealth.com) for further information.