

## Lowell mosquito spraying set Thursday after West Nile found in flying pests

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LOWELL -- The state Department of Public Health announced in a press release Wednesday that West Nile virus has been detected in mosquitoes collected from Lowell. As a result, the Lowell Health Department announced the city would spray on Thursday after sunset.

Mosquitoes carrying the virus have been trapped across the commonwealth, with most towns and cities in the state are currently under a "moderate" risk level. Lowell was added to the list this week, along with 12 other communities, with its first positive te

Mosquitoes breed more frequently during periods of increased rain and extreme heat - the exact conditions that Lowell has been experiencing over the past few weeks, officials stated.

Since 2012, Lowell has been a participating community in the Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project.

The Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project has been conducting mosquito spraying throughout the city on an ongoing basis, but after finding of the positive WNV mosquito, the CMMCP will be conducting additional spraying along the streets highlighted on the accompanying map.

For more information on preparing for spraying, please visit [www.cmmcp.org](http://www.cmmcp.org) .

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