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Re: West Nile Virus

Dear Wallingford Families:

The Wallingford Health Department was notified today by the CT Department of Public Health that mosquitoes trapped from a site on South Elm St. were positive for West Nile Virus (WNV).

**It is common to identify mosquitoes positive for WNV at this point in the early fall season. Standard precautions should always be taken to reduce the exposure to the bite of a mosquito.**

It is not necessary to cancel all outside activities. When possible, limit outside activities, especially near wooded areas, one hour before dawn and one hour after it starts to get dark. If you are outside during this time period, it is recommended to wear long sleeves/pants and bug spray (mosquito repellent). Young children should not use a product containing more than 15% DEET directly on the skin and adults should not use a product containing more than 30% of DEET directly on the skin.

Symptoms for WNV are generally mild, flu-like illness. If you have any questions concerning possible illness, please call your medical provider directly. For more information on WNV or any questions concerning prevention, please call the Health Department at 203-294-2065 or visit the CT DPH website, [www.ct.gov/dph](http://www.ct.gov/dph).

Respectfully,

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Cc: Mayor Dickinson

