

Bay County Under Medical Alert for West Nile Virus

Bay County, Fla. had its second identified case of West Nile virus (WNV) in humans and is now under medical alert. This county is in the Florida Panhandle and includes Panama City.

Compared to the rest of the United States, Florida actually has very little activity WNV activity as seen in the CDC U.S. WNV map

www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/Mapsactivity/surv&control07Maps.htm .

Links to the Florida Department of Health report and the CDC map are also available on the UF/IFAS Pest Alert site at <http://pestalert.ifas.ufl.edu/> . Instructions for subscribing and unsubscribing to the UF/IFAS Pest Alert listserv are available on site.

Today in History: On August 27, 1900, U.S. Army physician James Carroll allowed an infected mosquito to feed on him in an attempt to isolate the means of transmission of yellow fever. Carroll developed a severe case of yellow fever, helping his colleague, Army pathologist Walter Reed, prove that mosquitoes transmit this often-deadly disease. Details at <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/today/today.html>

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