

# *Fight the Bite*

## *Oklahoma County Schools*



### **Tips Classroom Teachers**

- Health departments across the country have up-to-date information about the West Nile Virus on their websites.
- You can find the latest Oklahoma County facts about the West Nile Virus at [www.occhd.org/fightthebite](http://www.occhd.org/fightthebite)
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website also offers information at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)
- Allowing students outdoors for recess poses no greater risk to the West Nile Virus than if they were outside at home – just be wary of mosquitoes.

### **Tips For Activities and Athletic Directors/Staff**

- Early morning, near dusk, and after dark events pose a potential risk for you, your students, and other people attending or participating. These are the times when mosquitoes are most likely to be out feeding.
- Work with your school's administration and safety office to eliminate standing, stagnant water, a prime breeding ground for mosquitoes.
- Remind students and spectators of the importance of using DEET repellent products according to the directions on the label. Encourage them to wear long sleeves and long pants if possible.
- At events, remind the crowd to protect themselves and their communities by helping eliminate mosquito breeding areas.

### **Tips For Administrators**

- Communicate to your faculty, staff, and students – make sure they know how to protect themselves and what you are doing to assure a safe campus.
- Contact your local health department or city public works department for information about mosquito control in your area.
- Consider scheduling outside events during daylight hours rather than in the evening.



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