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To: Town Manager, Machias

From: Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Disease Surveillance

Subject: Arboviral disease

Date: 9/20/2024

Dear Town Manager, Town Selectperson, and Local Health Officer,

Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Maine CDC) would like to notify you of a recently identified case of West Nile virus in a crow in your town. Educational materials about mosquito-borne diseases are included. More materials are available on Maine CDC's website and may be ordered through <a href="www.maine.gov/dhhs/order">www.maine.gov/dhhs/order</a>. Please post these materials in an area where the public can easily view them.

General prevention for mosquito-borne diseases is included in this package in the document titled "Town Guidance for Arboviral Infections."

If you have any questions, please contact Maine CDC, Division of Disease Surveillance at 1-800-821-5821.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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## You can protect yourself against West Nile virus and Eastern equine encephalitis

- Wear long sleeves and long pants.
- Use repellent on skin and clothes.
- Take extra precautions at dusk and dawn.
- Use screens on your windows and doors
- Drain artificial sources of standing water where you live, work and play.

For more information about mosquito-borne diseases visit **www.mainepublichealth.gov** 

