

## Press Release

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### West Nile Virus Weekly Update

FLORENCE- The Pinal County Division of Public Health released on Tuesday the latest numbers in the battle against West Nile virus.

- Human cases: Currently at three (One in Apache Junction, one in Gold Canyon and one in the Gila River Indian Community.)
- Horse cases: Currently at three (One in Apache Junction, one in Maricopa and one in Casa Grande.) Two of the horses are deceased.

**Tip of the week:** Occupational exposure to WNV is possible. Gardeners, landscapers, groundskeepers, farmers, roofers, painters, mechanics, construction workers and other outdoor workers should be aware of the risks of WNV when mosquitoes are actively biting, usually around dawn and dusk. Those with outdoor occupations should employ personal protective measures including the wearing of loose fitting, long sleeved shirts and long pants and use of a DEET-based insect repellent on exposed skin. Clothes can also be sprayed with an insecticide containing DEET or permethrin as mosquitoes may penetrate thin clothing. If your shift keeps you outside for more than 6 hours, you should apply the repellent once at the beginning of your shift and once at lunch.

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