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Turlock Mosquito Abatement District Takes Precautions Toward COVID-19

Turlock, CA – The Turlock Mosquito Abatement District in accordance with Governor Newsome’s recent orders concerning COVID-19 (coronavirus) has closed its facilities to the public effective immediately. This is being done as a precautionary measure to help decrease the spread of COVID-19. Although direct interaction between the public and staff will be limited, the District will continue to respond to all requests for service. All requests for service can be made online at www.turlockmosquito.org or by calling (209) 634-1234.

The District will also continue to keep the public informed on their social media and website.

“Mosquitoes have not been shown to transmit COVID-19, but mosquito-borne viruses, such as West Nile virus, could certainly negatively impact an individual’s immune response to the coronavirus,” says David Heft, General Manager of the Turlock Mosquito Abatement District.

DAVID HEFT

GENERAL MANAGER

It is important to remember that COVID-19 is not transmitted through the bite of a mosquito. However, other viruses, such as WNV, can be. Therefore, residents are asked to be proactive in the coming weeks while they stay close to home by eliminating mosquito sources inside and around their property. The following steps will help reduce the threat of mosquito-transmitted diseases and mosquito breeding this coming season:

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- **Dump or drain** standing water. Mosquitoes prefer to lay eggs in stagnant water.
- **Defend** yourself against mosquitoes by using EPA- recommended insect repellents.
- Avoid being outdoors when mosquitoes are present, typically during **Dawn** and **Dusk**.
- Ensure that swimming pools, spas, and ponds are properly maintained.

For more information on steps residents to take to prevent mosquito breeding, District residents should contact Turlock Mosquito Abatement District at (209) 634-1234 or www.turlockmosquito.org.

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