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Cases of West Nile Virus are at an all-time high since the disease's introduction to the United States in 1999.

A record 92 deaths have been reported by Centers for Disease Control.

Insight News Correspondent Carrie Sanders has more on what Memphis and Shelby county is doing to protect the public.

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**WEST NILE THREAT-PKG »**

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**Greenbelt Park, Mud Island »**

September brings Memphians ideal weather for outdoor activities in Memphis.

Engaging in these activities, especially at dawn or dusk, put people at a high risk of obtaining a bite from a mosquito carrying the West Nile Virus.

Memphis is combatting this problem with the Shelby County Health Department's Vector Control Program.

The program fights mosquitoes in the larve stage by applying larvicides to standing bodies of water throughout the city and county.

Gambusia fish, or mosquito fish, that eat larve in smaller residential ponds are given away through Vector Control at no charge.

Vector Control also has one hundred sixty-three testing sights across Memphis that count and test adult mosquitoes each week for the virus.

Depending on Test results, Vector will then conduct truck-mounted spraying to kill the infected mosquitoes.

By doing this, they hope to stop or minimize the spread of the virus to humans.

The Shelby Couty Health Department has reported only 6 cases of West Nile so far this year.

Doctor Daniel Sprenger (SPRANG-ER), Director of Vector Control for Memphis and Shelby County, expects for the reported cases to go up through September but is pleased that Memphis has not experienced the severity of the virus that has occurred in other U.S. cities...

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**Dr. Daniel Sprenger /Dir. Memphis Vector Control »**

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**""The absence of the disaster that's going on elsewhere in the country would suggest that an organized program such as this is some value to the residents and provides some degree of protection."" »**

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**« Take SOT Runs.. 0:10 ..West Nile Virus"**

**"" Every day Memphians come to MudIsland's Greenbelt Park to exercise or enjoy the view, making them a prime target for mosquitoes and West Nile Virus."" »**

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**Ashley Wolfe /Runner »**

**« Take SOT Runs.. 0:00 ..of my own"**

**""I feel better with them doing that, but I feel I should take some precautions of my own."" »**

Even though Memphians have Vector Control fighting mosquitoes, It is still a good idea to take precautions:

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**(Mossquito Bite Precautions) \Avoid outdoor activity at dusk and dawn \Cover arms and legs with clothing \Spray exposed skin and clothing w/ Deet repellent »**

You should also empty water from any objects holding excess water where mosquitoes might breed.

For more information or to pick up mosquito fish, you can contact Memphis and

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**Shelby County Vector Control /(901) 222-9715 »**

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