Cases of West Nile Virus are at an all-time high since the disease was introduced to America in 1999.

The Centers for Disease Control have reported a record 3 thousand forty-two cases of the virus nationwide so far this year.

The mayor of Dallas declared a state of emergency in the city due to the high number of West Nile cases.

This may have Memphians wondering how safe they are from mosquitoes carrying the virus across the bluff city.

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**Mud Island, Greenbelt Park »**

Memphis is combatting West Nile with the Shelby County Health Department's Vector Control Program.

Mosquito larvae are treated by applying larvacides to standing bodies of water throughout the city and county.

To treat adult mosquitoes, trucks are sent out to spray in area codes where control group mosquitoes have tested positive for the disease.

Vector control also offers mosquito eating fish at no charge.

Officials from Vector Control anticipate more West Nile cases this year but are pleased that Memphis has not experienced the severity of the virus like other U.S. cities.

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**Dr. Daniel Sprenger /Dir. Shelby Co. Vector Control »**

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

**« Take VO Runs.. :08 »**

Vector Control says taking personal precautions against mosquitoes is key when outdoors.

It is essential to cover exposed skin with clothing and to use an insect repellant containing DEET.

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

For further information about obtaining mosquito eating fish or to report a mosquito problem in your area, you can contact Shelby County Vector control at 9-0-1- 222- 9-7-1-5.