



COOS COUNTY Public Health

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Health Advisory

Coos County is experiencing a greater than normal mosquito season. The heart of the problem is in and around the Bandon Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. Mosquitoes are in record number; mosquito collection and monitoring by Bandon Marsh National Wildlife Refuge have resulted in the trapping of hundreds to thousands of mosquitoes during trapping periods.

The primary species in the marsh, while not typically a vector of disease, is a day time biter. This can make working or recreating outdoors difficult. There have been five identified mosquito species at the marsh; some of them are known to transmit disease to animals or humans. The current risk for disease transmission due to a mosquito bite is low and there are no indicators to suggest that a mosquito-borne disease is currently circulating in any of the mosquito species in the marsh.

There have been no reported hospitalizations or deaths associated with mosquito bites.

To avoid mosquito bites:

- Use insect repellents when you go outdoors
- When weather permits, wear long sleeves, long pants, and socks when outdoors
- Take extra care during peak mosquito biting hours

Mosquito-proof your home:

- Install or repair screens on windows and doors to keep mosquitoes outside.
- Help reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home by emptying standing water from flowerpots, gutters, buckets, pool covers, pet water dishes, discarded tires, and birdbaths on a regular basis

If you have questions or concerns please contact Coos County Health Department at 541-751-2431.