

DHH Urges Residents to Protect Themselves from West Nile Virus during Hurricane Isaac Recovery

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<p>BATON ROUGE -- The Department of Health and Hospitals is reminding Louisiana residents that the threat of West Nile virus remains a concern as the State responds to heavy rain and flooding left by Hurricane Isaac.</p>

<p>"DHH staff has been working around the clock in all parts of the state to ensure the health care needs of the people of Louisiana are met during and after Hurricane Isaac," said DHH Secretary Bruce D. Greenstein. "Even without the latest numbers, we know the West Nile virus is active in our state. Louisiana is experiencing the highest West Nile virus case rate since 2006 and we expect the numbers to continue to rise. Every Louisianian should own their own health and take the necessary precautions against mosquito bites to protect themselves and their loved ones." </p>