West Nile Virus
What you should know

What is it?
West Nile virus can be a serious, even fatal, illness. It can affect people and animals.

How does it spread?
A bite from an infected mosquito spreads West Nile virus. Contact with infected people or animals doesn’t spread West Nile virus.

Protect yourself.
Drain anything that holds water twice a week. Wear a long-sleeved shirt and long pants. Use mosquito repellent when outside.

What are the symptoms?
West Nile virus can cause fever, headache, rash, swollen lymph nodes and muscle and joint aches.

Most infected people won’t get sick.
20% of infected people will get sick.

20% of infected people will get very sick.
Less than 1% of infected people will get very sick.

What we know.
Pierce County has no human cases of West Nile virus.

For more information about West Nile virus, go to www.tpchd.org/westnile.