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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Is Zika Virus Threatening the Antelope Valley?**

Lancaster, CA – Zika virus is in the news every day lately, but is it something that residents of the Antelope Valley have to worry about? The Antelope Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District reports that there is currently no evidence of mosquitoes carrying the Zika virus anywhere in California, and the mosquito species that transmits the virus has not been detected in the AV.

“Our current temperatures in the Antelope Valley are too low to see any kind of mosquito activity,” said District Manager Cei Kratz. “And even though we’ve been setting traps in the past couple of years for this particular mosquito (*Aedes aegypti*), we have not found it in the Antelope Valley, yet.”

Although district officials have not seen any mosquito activity at this time, it is always a good idea to follow these guidelines to prevent mosquitoes:

- Check your property for any standing water from sprinklers or rain
- Keep screen doors and windows in good repair and close them
- Follow the 3 D’s (Drain, Dusk/Dawn, Defend/DEET)

To stay up-to-date on WNV activity in the Antelope Valley and any mosquito related information check out our website at [www.avmosquito.org](http://www.avmosquito.org), Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/avmosquito>), and follow us on Twitter @AVMosquito. For any further questions or services please feel free to contact the Antelope Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District by phone (661-942-2917).