| Key to Color Coding on WNV Risk Map | | |
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| Risk | What it means | What you can do |
| Low | Infection with WNV is unlikely | To prepare:   * Know your risk – check regularly at www.mass.gov/dph/mosquito * Repair screens * Cleanup to get rid of mosquito breeding sites * Be aware of stagnant water on private property (e.g. unused swimming pools) and consult the local board of health |
| Moderate | Infection with WNV is likely or has already occurred | To prevent, add this:   * Wear mosquito repellent * Wear long sleeves and long pants from dusk to dawn * Use mosquito netting on baby carriages and playpens |
| High | More people may get infected with WNV in your area | To prevent, add this:   * People over 50 or those who are immune compromised should adjust outdoor activity to avoid peak mosquito hours (from dusk to dawn) |
| Critical | Unusually high risk from WNV exists | To prevent, add this:   * Situation specific recommendations will be made |