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# First human cases of West Nile Virus detected

**LANSING (AP) »** Michigan health officials have identified the state's first cases of the West Nile virus infecting people in 2015.

Three cases were found in Macomb and Monroe counties in southeast Michigan and Ottawa County west of Grand Rapids. None of the people are currently being hospitalized.

The virus also was found in two other people who donated blood but have shown no symptoms, including one in Oakland County.

Many people infected with the virus have no symptoms, but it can cause a sometimes fatal neurologic illness.

Officials on Friday urged residents to empty standing water around homes, apply insect repellent, wear long-sleeved shirts and pants outdoors, and maintain window and door screening.

