| 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
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| 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
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| 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)
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| Critical | Unusually high risk from WNV exists | To prevent, add this:* Situation specific recommendations will be made
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