

# Can mosquitoes transmit Covid-19?



No.

Relieved? So go ahead and start thinking about how to enjoy your back yard more this summer.

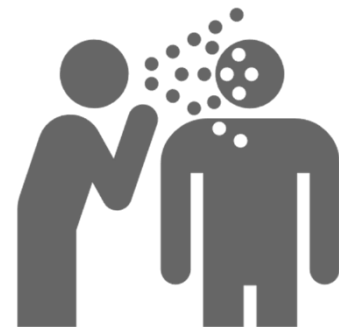
You will find the same advice provided by the World Health Organization ([WHO](#)) and the Center for Disease Control ([CDC](#)).

## But isn't West Nile a virus?

Yes it is. And, mosquitoes do spread West Nile, along with many other viruses including EEE (Eastern Equine Encephalitis), Zika, Dengue, Chikungunya and Malaria. They cannot spread Covid-19 though. Why? The simple answer is some viruses can replicate inside the mosquito. Covid-19 is not one of them. West Nile on the other hand, can replicate inside a mosquitoes. So when a female mosquito West Nile bites you, the virus is passed along too.

## People pass it, not mosquitoes.

Covid-19 spreads mainly from person-to-person by very small droplets that become airborne when an infected person coughs or sneezes. That is why the CDC strongly urges to stay at least 6-feet from others during this time to blunt the spread.



Also, those same droplets can land on surfaces, or be transferred from an infected person to commonly touched surfaces – like that credit card pin pad we all touch at the gas station or grocery store. And that is why you should avoid touching your mouth, nose and eyes.