

Gainesville Independent School District  
Health Services

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Dear Parent,

GISD wants to help our children stay safe from the West Nile Virus and follow all required state procedures.

Students are allowed to have at school:

- Deet towelettes
- Deet creams or ointment
- Deet pump spray bottles
- Deet wrist bands or clip on repellants

Deet aerosol canisters will need to be applied at home prior to coming to school. Aerosol type containers are **not** allowed at school.

According to the State Department of health Services, West Nile Virus is a mosquito-borne illness. Up to 80 percent of people infected with West Nile Virus will have no symptoms and will recover on their own; however, some cases can be more severe.

*Your best defense is to practice these habits, known as the "Four Ds":*

1. Use insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus.
2. Dress in long sleeves and long pants when you are outside.
3. Stay indoors at dusk and dawn, when mosquitoes are most active.
4. Drain standing water where mosquitoes breed.
5. Common breeding sites include old tires, flowerpots, and clogged rain gutters.

Please contact the school nurse if you have questions regarding this matter. GISD hopes your child has a safe and happy school year.

Sincerely,

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GISD School Nurse

