

La Crosse County hasn't had to worry about local residents catching the West Nile virus this year...until now.

But the county health department confirms that a Holmen man is hospitalized with serious complications from the virus spread by mosquitoes. And vector control agent Dave Geske says up to five people in the county may have been infected. As of last week, the state health department said the virus had been found just in one bird in La Crosse County. Geske says bacteria will have to be used around storm sewers to kill those mosquitoes.

He tells us that West Nile had not spread from birds to humans in the county, before this first mosquito-related case was found.