San Mateo County Public Health Reporting Guidelines

Whooping cough outbreak has health officials on lookout

One possible reason why we’re seeing it in the high school is that most children are immunized for pertussis, and then around the age of 12 experts believe their immunity starts to wane.

County spokeswoman Beverly Thames said the state health department urges residents to exercise caution.

HILLSBOROUGH — The West Nile virus season is off to an early start this year.

The San Mateo County Mosquito Abatement District received word Wednesday that a bird, a pine siskin, found in residential Hillsborough on March 24 tested positive for the virus.

This is the first reported case of this year. The first case in 2004 was detected at the end of July — four months later than this year.

“Since the virus can be transmitted to humans, we urge all residents to take protective measures,” said Police Chief Robert Paulson.

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