Mosquito samples in Lubbock tested positive for West Nile virus, according to Steve Presley.

His office was the one that confirmed the cases, he said.

Presley said the positive samples were collected two weeks ago in West Lubbock and this past week in Southeast Lubbock.

These are just mosquito-positive cases, he said. It usually only takes about two or three weeks before human cases start surfacing after the mosquitoes test positive, Presley said.

“Prevention is key,” he said.

Wearing DEET repellents, dressing in long-sleeved shirts and pants, avoiding outdoors at dawn and dusk and draining standing water can help reduce the risk of infection, he said. He’s also been stressing one other thing — mowing.

“Tall weeds and tall grass are a great harborage for mosquitoes,” Presley said.

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