

# MOSQUITO ABATEMENT

ST. TAMMANY PARISH

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## monthly report

St. Tammany Parish Mosquito Abatement



# Letter from the Director



Director Kevin Caillouet, Ph.D., M.S.P.H.

While the last few Februarys have been considerably warmer than usual, this February was more typical of winters past. As an animal that is dependent on external sources of heat, mosquito activity and populations are highly correlated with temperature. This past February our mosquito traps averaged 30.4 mosquitoes/trap night compared to February 2024's average of 535.6 mosquitoes/trap night. We can expect mosquito numbers to remain below average or moderate if temperatures remain below average.

What has heated up in the first few months of 2025 have been outreach events at local schools. Mosquito Abatement's Public Information Officer, **Jennifer Bushnell**, and her team of Mosquito Biologists have presented at five schools during February. These schools included Monteleone Junior High School, Fontainebleau Junior High School, Mandeville High School, Boyet Junior High School, and Madisonville Junior High School. Outreach events at Salmen High School, Pine View Middle School, Marigny Elementary School, Covington High School and Covington Elementary School are planned in March. These

programs reached over 27,000 St. Tammany residents in 2024.

Public education is an important component of integrated mosquito management. Informing our residents of arbovirus risks and how to protect themselves to minimize these risks can be another effective tool against mosquito threats.

Yours in health,

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Director

***Culex salinarius***

most captured species (83%)

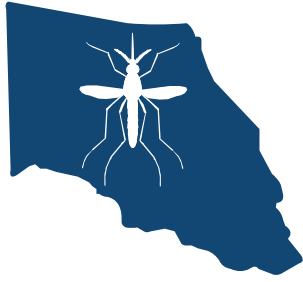
**7,440**

total mosquitoes trapped

**3,803**

mosquitoes tested for arbovirus





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