



CDC Health Advisory:

New World Screwworm: Outbreak Moves into Northern Mexico

January 20, 2026

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued a [health advisory](#) to notify clinicians, public health authorities, and the public about recent New World screwworm (NWS) animal cases identified in the Mexican state of Tamaulipas, which shares a border with the U.S. state of Texas.

As of January 20, 2026, no NWS infestations related to this outbreak have been identified in people or animals in the United States. However, given the potential for geographic spread, the advisory provides CDC recommendations on NWS case identification and reporting, specimen collection, diagnosis, and treatment, as well as guidance for the public.

Providers should contact Public Health immediately if a patient is suspected to have New World Screwworm infestation. Public Health will provide guidance on specimen collection and testing, if indicated.

Los Angeles County DPH Acute Communicable Disease Control:

- Weekdays 8:00 am–5:00 pm: call 213-240-7941.
- After-hours: call 213-974-1234 and ask for the physician on call.

Long Beach Health and Human Services:

- Weekdays 8:00 am-5:00 pm: call 562-570-4302.
- After hours: call the duty officer at 562-500-5537.

Pasadena Public Health Department:

- Weekdays 8:00 am-5:00 pm: call 626-744-6089.
- After hours: call 626-744-6043.

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