Three dead crows test positive for WNV in Milton

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The Region of Halton is warning residents after tests on three dead crows found in Milton tested positive for West Nile virus.

In a release sent Thursday (June 29), the region said the three cases were the first confirmed instances of the virus in Halton this year.

"The Halton Region health department works diligently to reduce the risk of West Nile virus in our community through both education and preventive programs such as larviciding," said acting medical officer of health Dr. Daniela Kempkens in the release.

'We can all work together to keep our community safe and protect ourselves from West Nile virus by re-



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moving standing water sites that breed mosquitoes and covering up or applying DEET or Icaridin when outside during dusk and dawn," she added.

According to the region, the type of mosquitoes most likely to carry and transmit the virus to humans typically breed in urban areas. Bird baths, plant pots, old toys and tires are some of the places identified as prime breeding locations.

The region is advising residents to take the following steps to help protect the, selves and their fami-

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