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# INFORMATION RELEASE

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West Nile Virus Activity Gains Momentum in LA County: Five More West Nile  
Virus Positive Dead Birds Confirmed

**Santa Fe Springs-** As further confirmation that mosquito season is in full swing, the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD) has identified five more West Nile virus positive (WNV+) dead birds this summer, bringing the total count of WNV+ dead birds to 21 for Los Angeles County and 139 for the State of California. The confirmed birds were collected from the Valley Village area (zip code 91607), the City of Lakewood (zip code 90712), the City of Downey (zip code 90241), and the City of Cerritos (zip code 90703).

This data indicates that Los Angeles County is, again, the center of virus activity for Southern California. With another busy season, the District is on high alert and anticipates elevated virus activity throughout the rest of this summer. The GLACVCD urges residents to take extra precautions to protect themselves and their families.

Residents can take an active role in mosquito prevention by following a few simple steps:

- Inspect front and backyards. Eliminate standing water in clogged rain gutters, rain barrels, discarded tires, buckets, watering troughs or anything that holds water for more than a week to break the mosquito life cycle.
- Ensure that swimming pools, spas, and ponds are properly maintained.
- Change the water in pet dishes and replace water in birdbaths weekly.
- Avoid activity between dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active
- Wear long sleeve shirts and pants outdoors at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends using mosquito repellents containing DEET, Picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus.

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- Keep tight fitting screens on doors and windows to prevent mosquitoes
- Request FREE mosquitofish from your local vector control district for placement in out-of-order swimming pools, spas, and ponds to control mosquitoes.
- Report any mosquito activity near vacant or foreclosed homes and abandoned swimming pools in your neighborhood.

The public is encouraged to report dead birds to help with West Nile virus surveillance and control efforts, as birds play an important role in maintaining and spreading the virus. The CA Department of Public Health's toll-free hotline is 877-WNV BIRD or visit on-line at: [www.westnile.ca.gov](http://www.westnile.ca.gov).

For more information, call the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District at (562)944-9656 or visit [www.glacvcd.org](http://www.glacvcd.org)