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West Nile Virus Positive Mosquito Activity Detected Near Popular Los Angeles Attractions

Los Angeles, CA- Schools are out for summer, and so are West Nile virus (WNV) positive mosquitoes. Vector Ecologists from the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD) confirmed another WNV positive mosquito sample from a popular area of Los Angeles near Griffith Park in zip code 90027. The District urges residents and tourists to enjoy their outdoor trips and activities this summer, but to take the necessary precautions to protect themselves against WNV.

When outdoors this summer, the public can take an active role in protecting themselves and their families by doing the following:

- Wear light-colored, long, loose clothing, such as long sleeve shirts and pants when outdoors. Mosquitoes can bite through thin or tight clothes.
- Stay indoors when mosquitoes are most active: dawn, sunset, and early evening.
- Apply repellent whenever you are outdoors, even for a short period of time. Choose a repellent based on how long you will be outside and what you will be doing. Repellents do not last long if you are sweating, physically active, or getting wet. Apply repellent over sunscreen.
- Use mosquito netting when sleeping outdoors, staying in an unscreened structure or protecting small babies when outdoors.

This is the second WNV positive mosquito sample for the year. The positive sample collected from Los Angeles follows the recent news of a WNV positive bird found in Los Feliz late last month. Confirmed virus activity in the area is a stark reminder that mosquito season is here, and the public should expect activity to remain especially high throughout the summer months.

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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 Health Services toll-free hotline is 877-WNV BIRD or visit on-line at: www.westnile.ca.gov.

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