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**Vector Control District Records Another Week of High West Nile Virus Activity:
*Residents Urged to Protect Themselves from Mosquito Bites***

Los Angeles, CA— The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD) has identified an additional 23 West Nile virus (WNV) positive dead birds and 42 WNV positive mosquito samples this week. GLACVCD is urging residents to take all recommended precautions to prevent mosquito bites. Most of the mosquito species found in Southern California that spread West Nile virus are most active between dusk and dawn, and so outdoor activities should be avoided during that time whenever possible. For those that do find themselves outside during those hours, it is important to wear long sleeve shirts and pants and to use insect repellent containing EPA-registered active ingredients such as DEET, Picaridin or Lemon Eucalyptus Oil.

Please refer to the chart below for a breakdown of the 23 WNV positive dead birds identified this past week.

City or Community	Zip Code(s)	Number of WNV+ dead birds collected
Artesia	90701	1
Bellflower	90706	1
Cerritos	90703	4
Chatsworth	91311	1
Encino	91316	1
La Mirada	90638	1
Long Beach	90815	2
North Hills	91343	1
North Hollywood	91606	1
Northridge	91325	1
Norwalk	90650	3
Studio City	91604	2
Sylmar	91342	1
Van Nuys	91405	1
West Hills	91307	1
Whittier	90603	1

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Please refer to the chart below for a breakdown of the 42 WNV positive mosquito samples identified this past week.

City or Community	Zip Code(s)	Number of WNV+ mosquito samples collected
Bellflower	90706	2
Burbank	91502	1
Chatsworth	91311	3
Downey	90241, 90240	5
Encino	91436	7
Granada Hills	91344	2
Hawaiian Gardens	90716	1
Lakewood	90713, 90712	6
Long Beach	90808	1
Mission Hills	91345	1
Montebello	90640	1
Northridge	91326	1
Pico Rivera	90660	4
South El Monte	91733	2
Van Nuys	91406	4
Whittier	90604	1

This is the first incidence of West Nile virus activity in Artesia, Mission Hills, North Hills, and North Hollywood for 2011.

This brings the District's total to 74 WNV positive dead birds, 249 WNV positive mosquito samples, and four sentinel chickens with WNV antibodies so far this year. Statewide, there have been 221 WNV positive dead birds and 808 WNV positive mosquito samples.

Residents can be proactive and follow the 3 D's of West Nile virus prevention to help stop the transmission of West Nile virus:

1. Dump/Drain

Eliminate standing water on your property because that's where mosquitoes breed.

2. Dusk/Dawn

Avoid outdoor activities when mosquitoes are most active.

3. Defend

Wear insect repellent containing EPA-registered ingredients such as DEET, Picaridin or Lemon Eucalyptus Oil and long-sleeve shirts and pants when outdoors. Use properly-fitted screens free from tears on windows and doors around your home to keep mosquitoes out.

For more information about West Nile virus and our vector control services, please contact Public Information Officer Crystal Brown at the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District at (562)

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944-9656 x511 or visit www.glacvcd.org. For statewide information and statistics about West Nile virus, or to report a dead bird or squirrel, visit www.westnile.ca.gov or call **1-877-WNV BIRD**.

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