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West Nile Virus Activity Increases Following Heat Wave

Los Angeles, CA— West Nile virus activity is on the rise as Southland temperatures heat up this month. The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD) has confirmed another West Nile virus positive (WNV+) dead bird and nine additional WNV+ mosquito samples, bringing the District's total to 25 positive mosquito samples and 11 positive dead birds this year. The latest WNV+ bird was collected in Cerritos (zip code 90703). The nine WNV+ mosquito pools came from Newhall (zip code 91321), Encino (zip code 91436), Winnetka (zip code 91306), Woodland Hills (91367), Rowland Heights (zip code 91748), Norwalk (zip code 90650), Long Beach (90808), La Mirada (zip code 90638) and Whittier (zip code 90604).

This is the first incidence of West Nile virus activity for Cerritos, Newhall and Norwalk for 2010. Statewide, 232 WNV+ dead birds and 676 WNV+ mosquito samples have been reported this year.

Mosquito bite prevention is key because there is no cure for West Nile virus. Residents can follow the 3 D's of West Nile virus prevention to protect themselves and their families:

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 CDC approved insect repellent and long-sleeve shirts and pants when outdoors. Use properly fitted and well maintained screens on windows and doors around your home.

Contact the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District at (562) 944-9656 or visit www.glacvcd.org to report a green pool or to submit a service request. For additional West Nile virus information, visit www.westnile.ca.gov or call 1-877-WNV BIRD to report a dead bird or squirrel.

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