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West Nile Virus Activity Staying Strong into September

Los Angeles, CA— West Nile virus (WNV) activity continues to be confirmed throughout Los Angeles County as the fall season approaches. The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD) identified six more WNV positive mosquito samples and one WNV positive dead bird. Of the six mosquito samples, one was collected in Encino (zip code 91436), one was collected in Pico Rivera (zip code 90660), and four were collected in Whittier (zip codes 90602, 90603, 90603 and 90604). The dead bird was collected in Long Beach (zip code 90815). So far this year, the District has reported 39 WNV positive mosquito samples and 14 WNV positive dead birds. Statewide, 1032 WNV positive mosquito samples and 310 WNV positive dead birds have been reported.

West Nile Virus is transmitted to people and animals through the bite of an infected mosquito. There is no cure for West Nile Virus. One in five persons infected with West Nile Virus will exhibit symptoms. Symptoms usually occur between 5 and 15 days and can include fever, headache, body aches, nausea, or a skin rash. These symptoms can last for several weeks to months. One in 150 people infected with the virus will require hospitalization. Severe symptoms include high fever, muscle weakness, neck stiffness, coma, paralysis, and possibly death.

Residents can follow the Three 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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