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West Nile Virus Activity Remains High Despite Cooler Temperatures

Los Angeles, CA— West Nile virus activity levels continue to remain high throughout Greater Los Angeles County despite cooler weather. Make sure to continue to protect yourself from mosquito bites when outdoors and to follow the necessary precautions to prevent mosquito breeding around the home. The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD) has identified an additional 13 West Nile virus (WNV) positive dead birds, 24 WNV positive mosquito samples and six chickens showing WNV antibodies this week.

Please refer to the chart below for a breakdown of the 13 WNV positive dead birds reported this past week.

City or Community	Zip Code(s)	Number of WNV+ dead birds collected
Canoga Park	91303	1
Cerritos	91703	1
Chatsworth	91311	2
Hollywood Hills	90068	1
North Hills	91343	1
Reseda	91335	1
Santa Clarita	91355	1
Tarzana	91356	1
Van Nuys	91405, 91406	2
West Hills	91307	1
Woodland Hills	91367	1

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Please refer to the chart below for a breakdown of the 24 WNV positive mosquito samples reported this past week.

City or Community	Zip Code(s)	Number of WNV+ mosquito samples collected
Burbank	91505	2
Cerritos	90703	1
Chatsworth	91311	1
Diamond Bar	91765	2
Encino	91436	2
Gardena	90247	1
Granada Hills	91344	1
Newhall	91321	1
Northridge	91326	1
Panorama City	91402	1
Pico Rivera	90660	3
Rowland Heights	91748	1
San Marino	91108	1
Studio City	91604	2
Winnetka	91306	2
Woodland Hills	91367	2

Of the six sentinel chickens showing WNV antibodies, one was identified in Griffith Park (zip code 90027), two in El Dorado Park (zip code 91815) and three in the Sepulveda Basin (zip code 91436). This is the first incidence of West Nile virus in Gardena and Hollywood Hills this year.

This brings the District's total to 130 WNV positive dead birds, 342 WNV positive mosquito samples, and 19 sentinel chickens showing WNV antibodies so far this year. Statewide, there have been 398 WNV positive dead birds, 1,479 WNV positive mosquito samples, and 135 sentinel chickens showing WNV antibodies in 2011.

Do your part to protect yourself and your family from West Nile virus by following the 3 D's of West Nile virus prevention:

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, IR3535, Picaridin or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus 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) 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**.