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# INFORMATION RELEASE

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## **Vector Control District Reports Additional West Nile Virus Activity in Chickens**

**Los Angeles, CA**—The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD) has identified an additional four chickens showing West Nile virus (WNV) antibodies this week. Of the four chickens reported, one was from El Dorado Park (zip code 90815), one was from Rowland Heights (zip code 91748) and two were from Griffith Park (zip code 90027). This brings the District's total to 26 sentinel chickens showing WNV antibodies so far this year. Statewide, there have been 296 sentinel chickens showing WNV antibodies reported for 2011.

Sentinel chickens showing WNV antibodies serve as indicators that West Nile virus is in the area. Residents should continue to protect themselves this fall against 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](http://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](http://www.westnile.ca.gov) or call **1-877-WNV-BIRD**.

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