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Summer Comes to an End but Mosquito Season Continues

Los Angeles, CA— Labor Day weekend marks the end of summer vacation but not the end of mosquito season. West Nile virus will continue to be a threat this year as long as temperatures remain high. The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD) has identified an additional 23 West Nile virus positive dead birds, 29 WNV positive mosquito samples and six sentinel chickens showing WNV antibodies this week.

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 |
|-------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| Bellflower | 90706 | 1 |
| Canoga Park | 91303 | 1 |
| Cerritos | 90703 | 2 |
| Chatsworth | 91311 | 2 |
| Diamond Bar | 91765 | 1 |
| Hacienda Heights | 91745 | 1 |
| Lakewood | 90712 | 1 |
| Northridge | 91325 | 1 |
| Pico Rivera | 90660 | 1 |
| Sherman Oaks | 91403, 91423 | 3 |
| Studio City | 91604 | 3 |
| Sun Valley | 91352 | 1 |
| Van Nuys | 91411 | 1 |
| West Hills | 91307 | 1 |
| Whittier | 90602, 90606 | 2 |
| Winnetka | 91306 | 1 |

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Please refer to the chart below for a breakdown of the 29 WNV positive mosquito samples identified this past week.

| City or Community | Zip Code(s) | Number of WNV+ mosquito samples collected |
|-------------------|-------------|---|
| Burbank | 91505 | 2 |
| Canyon Country | 91387 | 1 |
| Cerritos | 90703 | 3 |
| Chatsworth | 91311 | 1 |
| Diamond Bar | 91765 | 2 |
| Encino | 91436 | 2 |
| Granada Hills | 91344 | 1 |
| Newhall | 91321 | 2 |
| Norwalk | 90650 | 2 |
| Panorama City | 91402 | 1 |
| Pico Rivera | 90660 | 8 |
| Rowland Heights | 91748 | 1 |
| South El Monte | 91733 | 1 |
| Studio City | 91604 | 1 |
| Woodland Hills | 91367 | 1 |

Of the six sentinel chickens showing WNV antibodies, one was identified in Rowland Heights (zip code 91748) and the remaining five in the Sepulveda Basin (zip code 91436).

This brings the District's total to 97 WNV positive dead birds, 278 WNV positive mosquito samples, and 13 sentinel chickens with WNV antibodies so far this year. Statewide, there have been 302 WNV positive dead birds, 1,028 WNV positive mosquito samples, and 79 sentinel chickens showing WNV antibodies. This is the first incidence of West Nile virus in Canoga Park, Canyon Country and Newhall for 2011.

West Nile virus activity levels continue to be elevated throughout all of Greater LA County and pose a public health risk for everyone. GLACVCD encourages residents to make health a priority this holiday weekend by protecting themselves from mosquito bites while outdoors. Additionally, 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, 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.

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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**.

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