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West Nile Virus Persists Into the School Year

Los Angeles, CA— Children are back in school but mosquitoes are still out enjoying the warm weather. The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD) has identified an additional 20 West Nile virus (WNV) positive dead birds and 40 WNV positive mosquito samples this week. The statistics show that the virus is still active and a threat throughout all of Greater Los Angeles County.

Please refer to the chart below for a breakdown of the 20 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	90703	2
Encino	91316	1
Glendale	91201	1
Hacienda Heights	91745	2
La Mirada	90639	1
Lakewood	90713	1
Long Beach	90808, 90815	2
Norwalk	90650	1
Reseda	91335	1
Studio City	91604	1
Tarzana	91356	1
Valencia	91354	1
Van Nuys	91406	1
Whittier	90602	1
Woodland Hills	91367	2

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Please refer to the chart below for a breakdown of the 40 WNV positive mosquito samples reported this past week.

City or Community	Zip Code(s)	Number of WNV+ mosquito samples collected
Chatsworth	91311	3
Diamond Bar	91789	1
Encino	91436	15
Granada Hills	91344	1
Hawaiian Gardens	90716	2
Lakewood	90715	1
La Habra Heights	90631	1
Long Beach	90815	1
Rowland Heights	91748, 91789	2
Santa Fe Springs	90670	1
Van Nuys	91406	9
Whittier	90604, 90605	3

This brings the District's total to 117 WNV positive dead birds, 318 WNV positive mosquito samples, and 13 sentinel chickens with WNV antibodies so far this year. Statewide, there have been 358 WNV positive dead birds, 1,265 WNV positive mosquito samples, and 99 sentinel chickens showing WNV antibodies. This is the first incidence of West Nile virus in Tarzana in 2011.

Start the school year off right by protecting 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**.

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