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West Nile virus Activity Increases with 29 West Nile virus Positive Mosquito Samples

**Santa Fe Springs, CA**—The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD) has confirmed an additional 29 West Nile virus positive (WNV+) mosquito samples this week, collected from ten cities in the Greater Los Angeles area.

The 29 WNV+ mosquito samples were collected from the following cities: two from Long Beach (zip code 90808), one from Hawaiian Gardens (zip code 90716), 12 from Cerritos (zip code 90703), four from Whittier (zip codes 90604 and 90605), three from Encino (zip code 91436), two from Van Nuys (zip code 91406), one from Northridge (zip code 91326), two from Mission Hills (zip code 91345), one from Burbank (zip code 91502), and one from Sherman Oaks (zip code 91403).

“We traditionally see an increase in West Nile virus activity as the summer progresses,” says Susanne Kluh, Director of Scientific-Technical Services. “This rise in activity is occurring later in the season than previous years, but the amount of activity is not unusual.” Kluh adds that incidences of WNV+ activity are below average this year when compared to previous years. To date, the District has identified 33 WNV+ mosquito samples and ten WNV+ dead birds. These numbers contribute to the 424 WNV+ mosquito samples, 298 WNV+ dead birds, and eight WNV+ human cases reported statewide. Heightened WNV+ activity is a reminder to residents that the virus is endemic to California and will continue to be a threat each year. Kluh encourages residents to continue doing their part and taking the proper precautions to protect themselves and their families from West Nile virus.

Residents can help prevent mosquito breeding and the spread of West Nile virus by following the **Seven D's** of mosquito prevention:

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- **Drain** standing water around your home.
- Avoid **Dawn**, when mosquitoes are active.
- Avoid **Dusk**, when mosquitoes are active.
- **Dress** appropriately by wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants when outside.
- **Defend** yourself with an effective mosquito repellent. Be sure to follow label instructions.
- **Door** and window screens should be in working condition to prevent mosquitoes from entering your home.
- Call your local **District** for any further help.

The public is encouraged to report dead birds to help with West Nile virus surveillance and control efforts, as birds play an important role in maintaining and spreading the virus. The CA Department of Public Health's toll-free hotline is 877-WNV BIRD or visit on-line at: [www.westnile.ca.gov](http://www.westnile.ca.gov).

For more information, call the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District at (562)944-9656 or visit [www.glacvcd.org](http://www.glacvcd.org).