

## **West Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District**

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

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#### **West Nile virus Positive Mosquito Samples Continue, Residents Urged to Heed Mosquito Best Management Practices**

August 26, 2011 – Another ten batches of mosquitoes sampled from the five cities within the West Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District's jurisdiction have tested positive for the presence of West Nile virus. District ecologists collected the samples on August twenty-second. The traps were located near Walnut and Ramona in Chino, Cypress and Riverside in Chino, G St. and San Antonio in Ontario, Hawthorn and San Antonio in Ontario, and Vineyard and riverside in Ontario.

Community Outreach Coordinator, Brian Reisinger B.S. said, "We are continuing to see an increase in West Nile virus (WNV) Activity County wide. The WNV positive Mosquito count is high and is a genuine risk to community members". He asks, "residents to please take all necessary precautions to protect yourselves and your family".

Best Management Practices for mosquito reduction are: Wearing repellents, dumping out standing water, keeping pool, spa, and pond pumps in working order, keeping pools spas and ponds free of algae, and making sure doors and windows have tight-fitting, intact screens to keep mosquitoes out of the home.

There were six new WNV human cases reported this week. Three new WNV dead birds tested positive for San Bernardino County. The District is up to thirty mosquito samples and the six dead birds positive for West Nile virus for this year, marking a rapid increase in West Nile virus activity.

More information can be viewed at [www.wvmosquito.org](http://www.wvmosquito.org) or [www.wvmvcd.org](http://www.wvmvcd.org). The District phone number is 909-635-0307. The office is located at 1295 East Locust St. Ontario CA, 91761 and is open Monday-Friday 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM.

### Symptoms of West Nile virus:

**People infected with WNV can have no symptoms, West Nile Fever, or West Nile Neuroinvasive disease. Symptoms usually occur 2-15 days after infection.**

**Symptoms of West Nile Fever can include:**

- Headaches (often severe migraines)
- High fever
- Tiredness and body aches
- Occasionally a skin rash and swollen lymph glands

**Even healthy people may suffer sickness for several days to several weeks, and be unable to function normally.**

**Symptoms of West Nile Neuroinvasive disease can include:**

- Severe Headache
- High Fever
- Stiff neck
- Stupor
- Disorientation
- Tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness
- Paralysis
- Coma

**This form of the disease can lead to long-lasting if not permanent damage to the body and brain.**

Remember to use these steps to protect yourself:

- **Dump standing water** – tires, buckets, birdbaths, flowerpots, and even soda cans become “mosquito nurseries”.
- **Defend your house** – make sure screens on windows and doors are tight fitting and in good repair.
- **Defend yourself** – when outdoors at dusk and dawn, use a mosquito repellent. The active ingredients DEET, Picaridin, IR 3535, and oil of lemon eucalyptus are the longest lasting and most effective.

For more information visit: <http://www.wvmosquito.org> and <http://www.westnile.ca.gov>.

Residents can also report dead birds and squirrels to the CA Department of Public Health’s toll-free hotline, 877-WNV BIRD (968-2473) or visit on-line at: [www.westnile.ca.gov](http://www.westnile.ca.gov).

**For more information or an interview, please contact Dr. Min-Lee Cheng (909-635-0307) or Brian Reisinger (909-376-4376).**