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## **MOSQUITO SAMPLES TEST POSITIVE FOR WEST NILE** **--Virus Activity is Centered in South Sacramento County**

Elk Grove, Calif.— The Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District (District) received confirmation of additional mosquito samples that are positive for West Nile virus (WNV). These raise the total number of positive mosquito samples to 12 from Sacramento County with the majority concentrating in the southern portion including Galt, Isleton and Elk Grove. “Though this year the number of infected mosquito samples and birds is lower than previous years, residents still need to be aware that West Nile virus is a threat,” said David Brown, District Manager. “We’ve had mild temperatures so far, but we are in the middle of summer which means hot temperatures can still amplify the virus. We urge residents to take these warning signs seriously and do everything they can to protect themselves from mosquitoes,” said Brown.

The District also asks for public cooperation in reporting dead birds, especially crows and magpies which are more susceptible to the disease. “Dead birds help track West Nile virus activity and are key in detecting where human cases may develop” said Brown. If you see a dead bird, please report it to the dead bird hotline by calling 1-877-WNV-BIRD or by visiting [www.westnile.ca.gov](http://www.westnile.ca.gov)

As a result of finding the new positive samples, the District will conduct extensive mosquito trapping as well as ground fogging to reduce the numbers of adult mosquitoes.

For current information about any treatments planned, please visit [www.FIGHTtheBITE.net](http://www.FIGHTtheBITE.net) and look under Spraying Updates. On this page, residents may also subscribe to email notifications for mosquito treatments by zip code.

To date, there are eight human cases of West Nile virus confirmed throughout the state and activity has been detected in 35 counties.

### **2009 West Nile virus activity update:**

**Level 3--Sacramento County: 10 dead birds, 1 sentinel chicken, 12 mosquito samples and 0 humans have tested positive for West Nile virus.**

**Level 3--Yolo County: 1 dead bird, 1 sentinel chicken, 4 mosquito samples and 0 humans have tested positive for West Nile virus.**

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