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RISK OF WEST NILE INFECTION REMAINS HIGH FOR SACRAMENTO COUNTY
--Stay Protected this Labor Day Weekend

Elk Grove, Calif.— Labor Day is the last holiday of the summer season, unfortunately this doesn't mean it's the end of mosquito season! This weekend many residents will be enjoying barbeques, pool parties and other fun outdoor activities, but the Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District would like to remind residents of the risk of West Nile virus. "We're still seeing high numbers of infected mosquito samples" said David Brown, District Manager. "This means that the risk of becoming infected is very real and residents need to protect themselves with an effective repellent if they are going to be outside," said Brown.

Though the entire Sacramento County has seen constant virus activity this season, many of the infected mosquito samples recently found have been in the southern area. "We are continuing to see West Nile virus activity and residents need to take proper precautions," said Brown. In recent days, the first horse tested positive for West Nile virus in the area, and a new human case was reported bringing the total to 5 for Sacramento County. Earlier this week, an elderly woman from Southern California died of West Nile virus complications.

This Labor Day weekend, residents are encouraged to practice the District D's of Mosquito Prevention: **DRAIN** standing water that may produce mosquitoes. **DAWN** and **DUSK** are times to avoid being outdoors. **DRESS** appropriately by wearing long sleeves and pants when outside. **DEFEND** yourself by using an effective insect repellent. Make sure to follow label directions! **DOOR** and window screens should be in good working condition. **DISTRICT** personnel are also available to address any mosquito problems. Call them at 1-800-429-1022 or visit www.FIGHTtheBITE.net

For current information about any treatments planned, visit www.FIGHTtheBITE.net. Residents may also subscribe to mailing lists to receive email notifications for mosquito treatments by zip code.

2008 West Nile virus activity update:
Level 5--Sacramento County: 79 dead birds, 6 sentinel chickens, 1 horse, 249 mosquito samples and 5 humans have tested positive for West Nile virus to date.

Level 2--Yolo County: 5 dead birds, 0 sentinel chickens, 13 mosquito samples and 0 humans.

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