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## **NORTH SACRAMENTO AT HIGH RISK FOR WEST NILE VIRUS** **--Virus Activity Intensifies**

Elk Grove, Calif.— Concern continues to grow in areas of North Sacramento where in recent days mosquito and West Nile virus activity has intensified with the finding of many positive mosquito samples, announced the Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District. The communities of highest risk include Citrus Heights, Antelope, North Highlands and Orangevale. “Since the beginning of the mosquito season, these areas have seen a steady amplification of the virus,” said David Brown, District Manager “Residents need to take this warning seriously because the risk of West Nile virus is very high,” said Brown.

As a response to the virus activity found in these areas, the District will proceed with its mosquito management plan to protect public health and welfare which includes ground fogging and truck mounted spraying in parks and neighborhoods where intervention is needed. Extensive mosquito trapping and monitoring will also continue in order to monitor the spread of the disease and evaluate further necessary actions.

The District urges residents to be vigilant and continue protecting themselves with an effective mosquito repellent during times of peak mosquito activity. “It just takes one mosquito bite to change your life, please be aware that West Nile virus can affect anyone” said Brown.

**DAVID BROWN, MANAGER**

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### **2008 West Nile virus activity update:**

**Level 3--Sacramento County: 49 dead birds, 1 sentinel chicken, 149 mosquito samples and 0 humans** have tested positive for West Nile virus to date.

**Level 2--Yolo County: 2 dead bird, 0 sentinel chickens, 2 mosquito samples and 0 humans.**

### **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 be 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](http://www.FIGHTtheBITE.net)