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## **RISK OF WEST NILE VIRUS CONTINUES AS MORE BIRDS AND MOSQUITO SAMPLES TEST POSITIVE**

***--Stay Protected this Labor Day Weekend***

Elk Grove, Calif.— Family barbecues, the State Fair and other fun outdoor activities will be popular with area residents this weekend to celebrate Labor Day, the last holiday of the summer. Unfortunately this doesn't mean it's the end of the mosquito season and the Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito Control District wants to remind the public of the risk of West Nile virus. "In recent days we've seen mosquito samples and dead birds test positive for the virus throughout different areas in both of our counties," said David Brown District Manager. "Everyone needs to be aware that transmission of the virus is a possibility. Taking protective measures such as wearing an effective insect repellent, especially around dawn and dusk when mosquitoes that can transmit the virus are most active is necessary."

"We've had a fairly mild season so far, however, we still have a few weeks before summer officially ends and all it takes is a few days of hot temperatures for the virus to amplify. We urge all residents to be proactive and protect themselves from mosquitoes especially this weekend when so many people will be out enjoying the long weekend," said Brown.

Throughout the state, activity has been registered in 39 counties and there are 26 human cases being reported mainly in Central and Southern California.

DAVID BROWN, MANAGER

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

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**Level 3--Sacramento County: 17 dead birds, 3 sentinel chicken, 26 mosquito samples and 0 humans have tested positive for West Nile virus.**

ROSEMARIE BUTLER, V. P., ISLETON

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**Level 3--Yolo County: 4 dead birds, 1 sentinel chicken, 10 mosquito samples and 0 humans have tested positive for West Nile virus.**

RAUL DEANDA, WEST SACRAMENTO

LYNDON HAWKINS, ELK GROVE

### **Practice the District D's of Mosquito Prevention:**

JAYNA KARPINSKI-COSTA, CITRUS HEIGHTS

**DRAIN** standing water that may produce mosquitoes.

JOHN L. LEWALLEN, SAC. COUNTY

**DAWN** and **DUSK** are times to avoid being outdoors.

ROBERT MCGARVEY, RANCHO CORDOVA

**DRESS** appropriately be wearing long sleeves and pants when outside.

MICHAEL PARRELLA, YOLO COUNTY

**DEFEND** yourself by using an effective insect repellent.

NEAL PEART, WOODLAND

**DOOR** and window screens should be in good working condition.

DAVE TAMAYO, SACRAMENTO

**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)

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