WEST NILE VIRUS AND OTHER ARBOVIRAL DISEASES



Final Report: 2024 Season

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- In 2024, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LAC DPH) documented 34 West Nile virus (WNV) human cases and 2 deaths* (Table 1). Of the 34 cases, 28 were symptomatic infections with the last onset in 2024 occurring on October 24th. The San Fernando Valley contributed the most cases (47%). LAC accounted for 21% and 2% of the state and national burden of clinical cases, respectively (California = 131, USA = 1,466)¹. Past reports and data are available on our ACDC WNV Data webpage.
- In 2024, no cases of St. Louis Encephalitis Virus (SLEV) were reported in LAC (<u>California</u> = 0, <u>USA</u> =1)¹.
- In 2024, LAC DPH identified a record-breaking 222 travel-associated and 14 locally acquired <u>dengue</u> cases, including a small outbreak in Baldwin Park. The 2024 total case count (236) is more than triple the 2023 total case count (75). The *Aedes* mosquitoes that spread dengue are not native to California, but since their arrival in 2011, they can be found in most parts of the county. For more information about the current situation in LAC, visit the <u>ACDC Dengue webpage</u>.

Table 1. Characteristics of WNV Cases - LAC, 2023-2024

| | | | Clinical Presentation | | | | | | Demographics | |
|--------------------|----|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------|--|--------------|--------|---------------|--------------------------|
| Number of Cases | | Asymptomatic Donor ¹ | WNV Fever | Neuroinvasive Disease | | euroinvasive Diagnosis | Hospitalized | Deaths | Gender M/F | Median Age (Range) |
| 2024 Total | 34 | 6 | 2 | 26 | 20 6 0 | = Encephalitis = Meningitis = AFP ² | 27 | 2 | 19/15 | 59 (9-86) |
| 2023 Total | 70 | 8 | 5 | 57 | 36 19 2 | = Encephalitis = Meningitis = AFP ² | 61 | 3 | 42/28 | 61 (20-93) |

¹Asymptomatic cases identified in blood or organ donors as part of routine screening.

²Acute Flaccid Paralysis

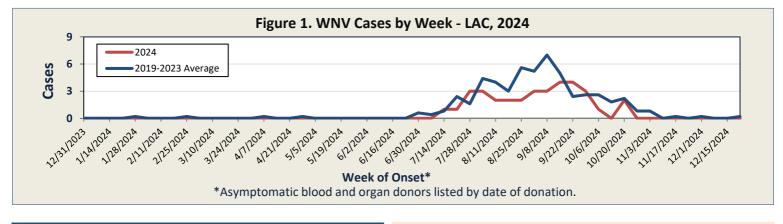


Table 2. Cities and Unincorporated Areas of Residence with Reported WNV Infections LAC, 2024

| Carson | La Puente | Santa Monica | | |
|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|--|
| Downey | Lakewood | Rolling Hills Estates | | |
| Glendale | Los Angeles | Torrance | | |
| Hawthorne | Montebello | West Hollywood | | |
| Hermosa Beach | Rolling Hills Estates | Westlake Village | | |
| Inglewood | Santa Clarita | | | |

For Additional Information

- Visit <u>www.socalmosquito.org</u> or call 2-1-1 to report problems to your local mosquito control district
- To receive weekly reports email: <u>ACDC2@ph.lacounty.gov</u>
- Acute Communicable Disease Control: (213) 240-7941
- www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/VectorWestNile.htm

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^{*}Excludes reports from Long Beach and Pasadena.

¹Final 2024 case counts for California and USA are not yet available.