



WEST NILE VIRUS ACTIVITY SUMMARY #12 (August 10, 2004)

The first death associated with West Nile virus identified in Los Angeles County.

The first Los Angeles County fatality associated with West Nile virus (WNV) was just confirmed in a 91-year old San Fernando Valley resident who died late last week. To date, 32 human cases have been identified in our county; 3 are blood donors. Most of the cases are elderly and most reside in eastern areas of the county.

West Nile Virus Human Cases Los Angeles County August 11, 2004

32	Cases, total* (includes 1 fatality)
3	Blood Donors
9	West Nile Fever
9 (100%)	Males
43	Age, median (mean 44; range 9-77)
20	Neuroinvasive disease
15 (75%)	Males
57	Age, median (mean 54; range 20-91)
<u>Condition:</u>	
7	Encephalitis
12	Meningitis
1	Acute Flaccid Paralysis

* Excludes cases in Long Beach and Pasadena.

West Nile virus-infected dead birds:

WNV-infected dead birds have been recovered from nearly all areas of Los Angeles County.

For questions regarding the reporting and testing of West Nile virus, visit:
www.lapublichealth.org/acd/VectorWestNile.htm

or contact
Acute Communicable Disease Control
213-240-7941
Mon-Fri 8:00am – 5:00pm

Dead Birds Identified with West Nile Virus by ZIP Code
Los Angeles County, 8/9/2004

