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## More West Nile virus activity confirmed throughout Los Angeles County

**Los Angeles County (August 20, 2021)** – The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD/District) has confirmed 10 additional mosquito samples that tested positive for West Nile virus (WNV). This brings the total number of positive samples within the District’s service area to [19 this year](#). The new positive samples were collected from six new areas: Downey, Downtown Los Angeles, Mission Hills, Norwalk, Woodland Hills, and Valley Glen.

### New West Nile Virus Positive Mosquito Samples

City/Community	Date First Detected	# of Positive Mosquito Samples to-date this Year
Artesia	7/27/2021	1
<b>Bellflower</b>	<b>7/13/2021</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Cerritos</b>	<b>7/27/2021</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Downey</b>	<b>8/10/2021</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Downtown LA</b>	<b>8/13/2021</b>	<b>1</b>
Elysian Valley	7/22/2021	1
Hacienda Heights	8/4/2021	1
<b>Mission Hills</b>	<b>8/13/2021</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Norwalk</b>	<b>8/12/2021</b>	<b>1</b>
South El Monte	8/4/2021	1
Studio City	7/5/2021	1
Tarzana	7/13/2021	2
<b>Valley Glen</b>	<b>8/12/2021</b>	<b>1</b>
Valley Village	7/28/2021	1
<b>Woodland Hills</b>	<b>8/11/2021</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Total # of Positive Mosquito Samples This Year in GLACVCD</b>		<b>19</b>

***\*New Detections are in Red\*\*Additional Detections are in Black\****

West Nile virus is endemic to Los Angeles County, and warm temperatures can increase virus activity and mosquito populations. As of August 20, 2021, [15 WNV human cases](#) have been reported in California this year, one of which was identified by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH). Visit [VectorSurv Maps](#) for a comprehensive look at this year’s West Nile Virus activity throughout Los Angeles County and Southern California.

Mosquito control is a shared responsibility and residents must take an active role in reducing the threat of WNV in their neighborhoods by taking these additional steps:

- Eliminate standing water in clogged rain gutters, rain barrels, discarded tires, buckets, watering troughs or anything that holds water for more than a week.
- Ensure that swimming pools, spas, and ponds are properly maintained.
- Change the water in pet dishes, bird baths and other small containers weekly.
- Request mosquitofish from your local vector control district for placement in ornamental ponds.
- [Wear EPA-approved and CDC-recommended insect repellent](#) when outdoors where mosquitoes may be present.
- Report neglected (green) swimming pools in your neighborhood to your vector control district.
- Share this information with your community to decrease mosquito populations.

For an extensive list of sources and recommended solutions, visit [www.tiptosstakeaction.org](http://www.tiptosstakeaction.org). For more information, residents can contact the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District at 562-944-9656, online at [www.glacvcd.org](http://www.glacvcd.org), or on social media: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#).

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#### **About West Nile virus:**

WNV is transmitted to people and animals through the bite of an infected mosquito. There is no cure for WNV. One in five persons infected with the virus will exhibit symptoms. Symptoms can include fever, headache, body aches, nausea, or a skin rash. These symptoms can last for several days to months. One in 150 people infected with the virus will require hospitalization. Severe symptoms include high fever, muscle weakness, neck stiffness, coma, paralysis, and possibly death.

#### **About GLACVCD**

The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District is a public health service agency formed under the authority of the California State Health & Safety Code. Our mission is to reduce populations of public health vectors below nuisance levels and prevent human infection associated with mosquito-transmitted diseases.