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Additional Mosquitoes Test Positive for West Nile Virus in Palmdale, CA

West Nile virus is endemic in the Antelope Valley and the Antelope Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District continues to urge residents to take precautions against mosquito bites!

Lancaster, CA: More mosquitoes collected from a mosquito trap in Palmdale tested positive for West Nile virus (WNV). The trap was located near 30th Street East and Palmdale Boulevard. "So far, the district has sent in 102 mosquito samples. This is the tenth West Nile virus positive detected within District boundaries for the 2020 mosquito season", states Karen Mellor, District Entomologist. This time last year, there were five West Nile virus positive mosquito samples.

AVMVCD personnel will continue to conduct intensive searches of the entire District to keep mosquito populations low and reduce the chances of residents getting ill. Mosquito control is a shared responsibility between the District and the residents. The District urges residents to continue to do their part in mosquito control and protect themselves from mosquito bites by following these recommendations:

- Check property for standing water and get rid of it
- When mosquitoes are active, use EPA registered insect repellents that contain one of these main ingredients: DEET, Picaridin, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus, IR3535
- Make sure your screens on windows and doors are in good repair to avoid mosquitoes in the home
- Check around faucets, irrigation systems and air conditioner units, and repair leaks or puddles that remain for several days
- Report stagnant pools and other backyard sources to the AVMVCD at 661-942-2917
- Report dead birds by calling 1-877-WNV-BIRD (877-968-2473) or online at www.westnile.ca.gov

To stay up-to-date on new West Nile Virus activity in the Antelope Valley and any mosquito related information visit our website at www.avmosquito.org, Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/avmosquito>), and follow us on Twitter and Instagram @AVMosquito.

To report a green pool or mosquito nuisance, please call (661) 942-2917

For any further questions or services please feel free to contact the Antelope Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District by phone (661-942-2917).

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