



**WEST NILE VIRUS  
 ACTIVITY SUMMARY #4  
 (June 15, 2004)**

**West Nile virus (WNV) is now established in many areas across Los Angeles County!**

Since numerous WNV-infected dead birds have been recently recovered from many areas in our county, eastern Los Angeles County in particular, dead bird collection by the Health Department will be discontinued in 48 ZIP code areas as confirmation of the virus is now well established for those locations. However, phone reports of dead birds are still important and will continue to be received since this provides valuable information for WNV surveillance. To date, nearly half of the WNV-infected dead birds recovered in California were obtained in Los Angeles County. Because environmental WNV indicators have occurred earlier in the season and more quickly than expected, this may be an especially severe year for WNV.

**The first human WNV fever case in California was recently identified in San Bernardino County. Important changes in the testing and reporting of human cases are described at: [www.lapublichealth.org/acd/VectorWestNile.htm](http://www.lapublichealth.org/acd/VectorWestNile.htm)**

**POSITIVE WNV TESTS, YEAR-TO-DATE, 2004\***

	Human Cases	Equine Cases	Environmental Surveillance		
			Dead Birds	Sentinel Chickens	Mosquito Pools
Los Angeles County	0	0	166**	0	14
California	1	0	395	6	37

\* As of 6/15/04—data are provisional and subject to change.

\*\* As noted below, bird collection has been discontinued in many Los Angeles areas; as such, this frequency underestimates the number of WNV-infected dead birds occurring in our county.

**CESSATION OF DEAD BIRD COLLECTION:**

In many areas across Los Angeles County, dead bird collection by the Health Department has been discontinued since confirmation of the virus has been already well documented in those locations. In some special circumstances, local Vector Control may still decide to collect and test dead birds. Phoned reports of dead birds are still very important and will continue to be received. These reports are a valuable component of WNV surveillance since they provide an on-going indicator of presumed West Nile virus activity and help focus containment activities. The termination of dead bird collection by the Health Department is only for the following 48 ZIP code areas listed below.

**Los Angeles County ZIP code areas where dead bird collection has been discontinued.  
 (6-15-04)**

91801	Alhambra	91724	Covina	90712	Lakewood	91776	San Gabriel
91803	Alhambra	90240	Downey	90638	La Mirada	90670	Santa Fe Springs
91001	Altadena	90241	Downey	91744	La Puente	91030	South Pasadena
91006	Arcadia	91010	Duarte	91016	Monrovia	91780	Temple City
91007	Arcadia	91731	El Monte	90640	Montebello	91722	West Covina
90701	Artesia	91732	El Monte	91343	North Hills	91790	West Covina
91702	Azusa	90249	Gardena	90650	Norwalk	91791	West Covina
91706	Baldwin Park	91740	Glendora	91107	Pasadena	90069	West Hollywood
90201	Bell Gardens	91741	Glendora	91767	Pomona	90602	Whittier
90703	Cerritos	91745	Hacienda Heights	91335	Reseda	90604	Whittier
91711	Claremont	90710	Harbor City	91770	Rosemead	90605	Whittier
91722	Covina	91706	Irwindale	91775	San Gabriel	90606	Whittier

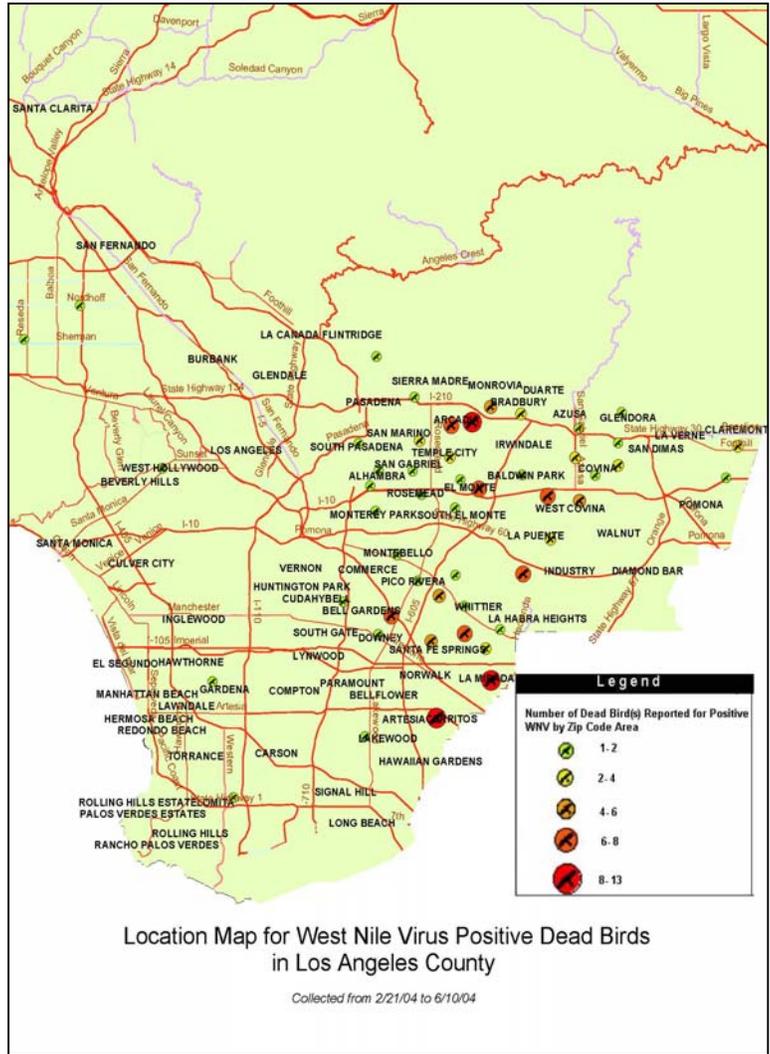
Confirmation of WNV also has been well established in three additional areas (**90660–Pico Rivera, 91733–South El Monte, 90670–Whittier**). However, dead bird collection will continue in these three areas in collaboration with statewide surveillance and research.

**West Nile virus-infected dead birds:**

Often, the first sign that WNV is prevalent in an area is a die-off of wild birds from the corvid family—especially crows. Statewide, nearly half of the WNV-infected dead birds have been recovered from Los Angeles County, and most of those from eastern cities.

**Note:** one bird previously reported as recovered from the Rancho Palos Verdes area was actually obtained from Harbor City.

West Nile virus infected birds Los Angeles County cities (6-15-04)			
Alhambra	3	Lakewood	1
Altadena	1	Monrovia	5
Arcadia	19	Montebello	2
Azusa	2	Monterey Park	1
Baldwin Park	1	North Hills	2
Bell Gardens	1	Pasadena	1
Cerritos	11	Pico Rivera	2
Claremont	3	Pomona	1
Covina	8	Reseda	1
Downey	8	Rosemead	2
Duarte	3	San Gabriel	5
El Monte	9	Santa Fe Springs	6
Gardena	1	South El Monte	1
Glendora	2	South Pasadena	1
Hacienda Heights	7	Temple City	3
Harbor City	1	West Covina	15
Irwindale	1	West Hollywood	1
La Mirada	13	Whittier	18
La Puente	4		



**To report dead birds or other animals with encephalitis (e.g., horses) contact:**  
 Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, Veterinary Public Health Program  
 Toll free hotline: 1-877-747-2243  
 OR  
 West Nile Virus Dead Bird Surveillance Program, California Department of Health Services  
 Toll free hotline: 1-877-WNV-BIRD (877-968-2473)