

Report Dead Birds

Stop the spread of West Nile Virus in your community

Birds that died recently can be tested for West Nile Virus (WNV), which helps track the spread of disease around Los Angeles County. You can help stop the spread of West Nile Virus in your community by reporting dead birds.

What types of dead birds should I report?

Individual birds

Except: pigeons, doves, poultry & ducks



WNV testing performed
Call 877-WNV-BIRD

Clusters of 3 or more

Sick or dead birds



WNV & additional testing performed
Call 213-288-7060

How do I report a dead bird or clusters of sick/dead birds?

For individual dead birds contact the California WNV Dead Bird Hotline at (877) 968-2473.
For clusters of three or more sick or dead birds contact Veterinary Public Health at 213-288-7060.

How do I collect a dead bird?

The bird must be fresh to be tested for diseases (i.e. dead less than 24 hours). Put the bird in a bag and leave it in an accessible location. Never handle a dead bird with bare hands – use gloves, shovel or cover hands with intact waterproof bag before handling. Wash hands after.

Questions or concerns? Call 2-1-1 or visit ph.lacounty.gov
<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/vet/WNV.htm>
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