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**VECTOR CONTROL REPORTS 14 MORE WEST NILE VIRUS  
POSITIVE MOSQUITO SAMPLES IN THE VALLEY**

**INDIO, CA, SEPTEMBER 3, 2010:** The Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District (District) received confirmation from UC Davis of 14 more West Nile virus (WNV) positive mosquito samples, bringing the total in the Coachella Valley to 65. The mosquito samples were collected from traps located south of Mecca, the North and West Shore areas. No human cases have been reported in the Coachella Valley. Up to date, the District has had 24 sentinel chickens test positive for WNV. Due to the continued WNV activity, the District will continue to intensify surveillance and control of mosquito larvae in these areas. Currently, the District remains in Emergency Planning mode. Please visit the District website for additional information and the CVMVCD Mosquito-Borne Virus Surveillance and Emergency Response Plan.

To date, in California, there have been 34 human cases, 933 positive mosquito samples, 285 dead birds, and 93 Sentinel Chickens that have tested positive for WNV.

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WNV is transmitted to humans and animals through a mosquito bite. Mosquitoes become infected when they feed on infected birds. Most individuals who are infected with WNV will not experience any illness. Young children, the elderly, or individuals with lowered immune systems are more susceptible to WNV.

The District continues its extensive surveillance, prevention, and treatment programs throughout the Coachella Valley and urges residents to help reduce mosquito breeding sources by inspecting their backyards and neighborhoods for standing water sources at least once a week.

Individuals can reduce their risk of mosquito-borne diseases by taking these precautions:

- Avoid outdoor activity at dusk and dawn.
- When outdoors, wear long pants, long-sleeved shirts and other protective clothing.
- Apply insect repellent according to label instructions.
- Make sure that doors and windows have tight fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or holes.
- Eliminate all sources of standing water on your property that can support mosquito breeding.
- Contact your local mosquito and vector control agency if there is a significant mosquito problem where you live or work.

Contact the Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District at 760-342-8287 or 1-888-343-9399 to report mosquito problems, request mosquito fish, to report neglected pools or standing water. Service requests can also be submitted online at [www.cvmvcd.org](http://www.cvmvcd.org).

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