



PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE #5 - West Nile Virus

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The Southern Nevada Health District's vector control program has detected West Nile virus in mosquito clusters in the 89108 and 89148 zip codes. Previous positive sample clusters were found in the 89122 and 89149 zip codes.

To date, the health district's surveillance program reports six human cases of West Nile virus in Clark County; the first human case associated with the illness was reported in August.

The Nevada State Health Division reports a total of 10 human case associated with West Nile virus statewide. In 2007, Nevada had a total of 12 human cases, three of whom were residents of Clark County. West Nile positive mosquito clusters have been identified in Clark, Lyon, Pershing and Washoe counties.

The health district continues to advise Southern Nevadans to protect themselves against mosquito bites by wearing repellent, avoiding outdoor activities at dawn and dusk, wearing appropriate clothing, removing standing water, and maintaining swimming pools.

Further updates will be posted to the Southern Nevada Health District website, www.SouthernNevadaHealthDistrict.org.