



West Nile Virus - Public Health Update #2

Additional human West Nile virus case confirmed; additional probable human cases noted

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The Clark County Health District has confirmed another human case of West Nile virus in a county resident, raising the total number of confirmed human cases in 2004 to two. The confirmatory testing was conducted by the California State Public Health Laboratory in Richmond, a regional facility designated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for specialized viral testing.

Confirmatory testing of another probable human West Nile virus case submitted last week to the California lab last week is pending. In addition, seven new probable human West Nile virus cases from Clark County have been identified, for a total of eight probable cases. Blood samples from the probable cases have been sent to the regional lab for confirmation.

2004 Human West Nile Virus Cases in Clark County, Nevada

Total Confirmed	Current Probable Cases*
2	8

** The term "probable cases" describes patients with positive preliminary test results, plus symptoms and history compatible with West Nile virus infection.*

The newly confirmed West Nile case is in a Clark County resident over the age of 50, who experienced symptoms including meningitis (inflammation of the membrane surrounding the brain) and encephalitis (inflammation of the brain). The person is currently hospitalized in stable condition.

As needed, updates on West Nile virus case counts will be posted Friday mornings to the health district website at <http://www.cchd.org>. The updates will be available in the CCHD news section of the main page and on the newsroom/press releases page.

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