

West Nile Virus - Public Health Update #4

Update on number of human cases in Clark County

August 27, 2004

The Clark County Health District has confirmed one additional human case of West Nile virus in a county resident, raising the total number of confirmed human cases in 2004 to five. In addition, one new probable human West Nile virus case from Clark County has been identified this week, for a current total of nine probable cases.

2004 Human West Nile Virus Cases in Clark County, Nevada

Total Confirmed	Current Probable Cases*
5	9

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

Details on the four confirmed human cases:

- Three people are over age 50; two people are under age 50
- All five people suffered meningitis and/or encephalitis (severe symptoms)
- Two people are currently hospitalized
- Three people were hospitalized and released

Details on the nine probable human cases:

- Five people are over age 50; four people are under age 50
- Seven of nine people suffered meningitis and/or encephalitis (severe symptoms)
- Two people are currently hospitalized
- Four people were hospitalized and released
- Three people sought medical care only (visited emergency room or doctor)

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