

## **West Nile Virus - Public Health Update #7**

Update on the number of human cases in Clark County

September 17, 2004

The Clark County Health District confirmed four additional human cases of West Nile virus infection in Clark County residents this week, raising the total number of confirmed cases this year to twelve. Two additional probable cases were discovered in the past seven days, for a current total of eight.

### **2004 Human West Nile Virus Cases in Clark County, Nevada**

Total Confirmed	Current Probable Cases*
12	8

*\* The term "probable cases" describes patients with positive preliminary test results, plus symptoms and history compatible with West Nile virus infection. When a case is confirmed, it is removed from the probable count.*

Details on the twelve confirmed human cases:

- Seven people are over age 50; five people are under age 50
- Nine people suffered meningitis and/or encephalitis (severe symptoms)
- Two people are currently hospitalized
- Eight people were hospitalized and released
- Two sought medical care only (visited emergency room or doctor)

Details on the eight probable human cases:

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

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