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West Nile Virus - Public Health Update #9

Update on the number of human cases in Clark County

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

2004 Human West Nile Virus Cases in Clark County, Nevada

Total Confirmed	Current Probable Cases*
18	5

** 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 eighteen confirmed human cases:

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

Details on the five probable human cases:

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

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