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### **MORE MOSQUITOES AND A CHICKEN TEST POSITIVE FOR WEST NILE VIRUS IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY**

*– Cooler weather to provide relief from additional mosquito production–*

**CONCORD, CALIFORNIA** - - The Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control District is reporting one group of mosquitoes and a chicken that have tested positive this past week for West Nile virus in the county. The mosquitoes were from Pittsburg and the chicken was from Oakley.

In Contra Costa County to date this year, four people, 87 dead birds, 31 groups of mosquitoes, nine squirrels, 15 chickens, and three horses have tested positive for West Nile virus.

“Cooler overnight temperatures will work in our favor in terms of mosquito populations, but don’t put away that repellent yet,” said Deborah Bass, public affairs manager with the District. “We are still finding a significant amount of neglected swimming pools that have mosquitoes.”

The District is urging all residents to maintain water features in their yards and to report abandoned or neglected swimming pools. Abandoned or neglected swimming pools are a significant source of mosquitoes in Contra Costa County and each one can produce hundreds of thousands of mosquitoes and affect residents up to a five-mile radius. Infected mosquitoes can transmit West Nile virus, a debilitating and potentially fatal disease.

Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control District is located at 155 Mason Circle in Concord. Call the District to report mosquito problems at (925) 771-6195, or visit their office between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to get FREE mosquitofish for ornamental ponds or horse troughs. Mosquitofish are also available at City of Antioch Corporation Yard, 1201 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Antioch, CA, Monday through Friday (except holidays) from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

People wishing to be notified about adult mosquito fogging or spraying have several options. They may visit the District’s Web site at [www.ccmvcd.dst.ca.us](http://www.ccmvcd.dst.ca.us) and opt to receive the notifications automatically by email, they can view information on the District Web site, or they may phone the District for a recorded message at (925) 771-6195.

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For information concerning human West Nile virus symptoms, prevention, or testing, please call the Contra Costa Health Services department at (888) 959-9911 or visit their website at [www.ccpublichealth.org](http://www.ccpublichealth.org). Human West Nile virus cases can be found at [http://www.cchealth.org/topics/west\\_nile/cases.php](http://www.cchealth.org/topics/west_nile/cases.php)

For information concerning West Nile virus and horses, please visit the California Department of Food and Agriculture Animal Health Branch at [www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/ah/wnv\\_info.htm](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/ah/wnv_info.htm) or call them at (916) 654-1447.

Dead birds should be reported to 877-WNV-BIRD (877-968-2473) or [www.westnile.ca.gov](http://www.westnile.ca.gov) . Not all birds will be picked up and tested, but reporting dead birds provides important information for mosquito control efforts.

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