

WEST NILE VIRUS

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SIX MORE BIRDS AND THREE MORE HORSES TEST POSITIVE FOR WEST NILE VIRUS IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

CONCORD, CALIFORNIA - - The Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control District received confirmation today that six more birds and three more horses have tested positive for West Nile virus (WNV).

The six birds reported this week were found in Antioch (1), Alamo (1), Oakley (3), and Walnut Creek (1). All three horses reported this week are from eastern Contra Costa County.

To date in Contra Costa County, there has been one human case, 27 birds, three mosquito samples, and five horses that have tested positive for West Nile virus. In California, there have been 265 human cases.

To learn about WNV activity for each county in California, visit the California Department of Health Services website at www.westnile.ca.gov

To learn about possible mosquito spraying in Contra Costa County, visit the District's website at www.ccmvcd.dst.ca.us or call (925) 685-9301 for a recorded message.

For information concerning 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

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 or call them at (916) 654-1447.