

California Arbovirus Surveillance Bulletin #12

Week 19 Friday, May 9, 2014



WEEKLY UPDATE

Humans

No human cases or asymptomatic infections have been reported in 2014.

Dead Birds

No West Nile virus (WNV) positive dead birds were reported this week. To date this year, 13 birds have tested positive for WNV from five counties. At this time last year, two WNV dead positive birds had been detected in Los Angeles and Yuba counties.

Mosquito Pools

No positive mosquito pools were reported this week. To date this year, five mosquito pools from San Bernardino County have tested positive for WNV.

At this time last year, one WNV positive mosquito pool had been reported from Tulare County.

Sentinel Chickens

No seroconversions were reported this week. To date this year, one WNV positive chicken has been reported from Los Angeles County. At this time last year, no seroconversions had been detected.

YTD Activity by Element and County, 2014				
County	Humans	Dead Birds	Mosquito Pools	Sentinel Chickens
Contra Costa		1		
Lake		3		
Los Angeles		2		1
San Bernardino			5	
San Joaquin		1		
Santa Clara		6		
Totals	0	13	5	1

Website Information: For updated information on WNV in California, please visit the California WNV website, www.westnile.ca.gov, or the California Vectorborne Disease Surveillance System website, www.calsurv.org. For national information on WNV and other arboviruses, please visit the CDC website, www.cdc.gov, and the USGS website, www.westnilemaps.usgs.gov

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2013 & 2014 YTD West Nile Virus Comparisons		
	2013	2014
Total # Dead Bird Reports	2,371	1,560
# Positive Counties	3	6
# Human Cases	0	0
# Positive Dead Birds / # Tested	2 / 421	13 / 175
# Positive Mosquito Pools / # Tested	1 / 1,313	5 / 1,771
# Seroconversions / # Tested	0 / 1,874	1 / 1,805

TESTING SUMMARIES

Humans

		WNV		WEEV		SLEV	
		Local	Imported	Local	Imported	Local	Imported
Human Cases	Week	0	0	0	0	0	0
	YTD	0	0	0	0	0	0

Dead Birds

		Number Tested	WNV Positive
Dead Birds	Week	30	0
	YTD	175	13

Chickens & Mosquitoes

		Number Tested	WNV Positive	SLEV Positive	WEEV Positive
Chicken Sera	Week	587	0	0	0
	YTD	1,805	1	0	0
Mosquito Pools	Week	435	0	0	0
	YTD	1,771	5	0	0

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Test Protocols

Humans:

Specimens are tested by local laboratories with an IgM or IgG immunofluorescent assay (IFA) and/or an IgM enzyme immunoassay (EIA). Specimens with inconclusive results are forwarded to the California Department of Public Health Viral and Rickettsial Disease Laboratory (VRDL) for further testing or confirmation.

Horses:

Serum or brain tissue specimens from horses displaying neurological symptoms are submitted to the California Animal Health and Safety Laboratory (CAHFS) and tested by EIA and PRNT.

Dead Birds

Oral swab samples from corvids are collected onto RNase cards and tested by the UC Davis Center for Vectorborne Diseases (CVEC) for West Nile virus by the singleplex RT-PCR Taqman assay and confirmed with a second primer set.

Sentinel Chickens:

Dried blood spot specimens from sentinel chickens are submitted to the California Department of Public Health Vector-Borne Disease Laboratory and tested for the presence of antibodies to West Nile, western equine encephalomyelitis (WEEV), and St. Louis encephalitis (SLEV) viruses by EIA and IFA. Positive samples are confirmed by western-blot or PRNT.

Mosquito Pools:

Mosquito pools are submitted to CVEC and screened for WEEV, SLEV, and WNV viral RNA using a Taqman multiplex RT-PCR. CVEC will cease confirmation testing on PCR-positive pools of *Cx. tarsalis* and *Cx. quinquefasciatus* but will continue to confirm multiplex PCR-positive results for other mosquito species using singleplex RT-PCR.

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