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DEFEND YOURSELF AGAINST MOSQUITO-BORNE VIRUSES

STANISLAUS COUNTY – The East Side and Turlock Mosquito Abatement Districts (MADs) confirmed the detection of West Nile Virus (WNV) in two mosquito samples from Stanislaus County. As of July 29, 2022, WNV has been detected in 23 California counties with the WNV activity confirmed in seven humans, 49 dead birds, and 702 mosquito samples. Three human cases have been identified in Stanislaus County.

These WNV-infected mosquitoes serve as a reminder of the ongoing threat of Mosquito-borne diseases. "Mosquito and virus activity has been lighter in many areas of the county this year; however, this WNV-positive mosquito sample reminds us of the importance of being proactive in preventing mosquito breeding around our homes" stated Turlock MAD General Manager, David Heft. "The current higher temperatures will accelerate the development of WNV in mosquitoes. We urge residents to use repellent when outside in the dawn and dusk hours and to tip and toss sources of standing water around their home."

The MADs will continue with their surveillance programs identifying mosquito breeding sources and mosquito-borne disease activity and treat according to their results. The MADs would like to remind residents they can help by taking the following precautions:

- **Dump** or **drain** standing water where mosquitoes like to lay their eggs.
- **Defend** yourself against mosquitoes by using repellants containing DEET, Picaridin, or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus.
- **Avoid** being outdoors at **dusk** and **dawn** when WNV carrying mosquitoes are generally most active.
- **Report Neglected Swimming pools** to your local MAD.
- **Use** tight-fitting door and window **screens** to keep mosquitoes from entering your home.
- **Contact** your veterinarian for information on vaccinating equine against WNV.

For additional information or to request service, residents should contact their local MAD. Stanislaus County residents:

- North of the Tuolumne River contact:
Eastside Mosquito Abatement District at (209) 522-4098 (www.eastsidemosquito.com)
- South of the Tuolumne River contact:
Turlock Mosquito Abatement District at (209) 634-1234 (www.turlockmosquito.org)

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