

## West Nile Virus - Public Health Update #5

Update on number of human cases in Clark County

September 3, 2004

The Clark County Health District has confirmed three additional human cases of West Nile virus in county residents, raising the total number of confirmed human cases in 2004 to eight. Additional probable cases were also discovered in the past week.

### 2004 Human West Nile Virus Cases in Clark County, Nevada

Total Confirmed	Current Probable Cases*
8	9

*\* The term "probable cases" describes patients with positive preliminary test results, plus symptoms and history compatible with West Nile virus infection.*

Details on the eight confirmed human cases:

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

Details on the nine probable human cases:

- Three people are over age 50; six people are under age 50
- Nine people suffered meningitis and/or encephalitis (severe symptoms)
- One person is currently hospitalized
- Four people were hospitalized and released
- Four people sought medical care only (visited emergency room or doctor)

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