



West Nile Virus - Public Health Update #8

Update on the number of human cases in Clark County

September 24, 2004

The Clark County Health District confirmed one additional human case of West Nile virus infection in a Clark County resident this week, raising the total number of confirmed cases this year to thirteen. One additional probable case was discovered in the past seven days, for a current total of eight.

2004 Human West Nile Virus Cases in Clark County, Nevada

Total Confirmed	Current Probable Cases*
13	8

** The term "probable cases" describes patients with positive preliminary test results, plus symptoms and history compatible with West Nile virus infection. When a case is confirmed, it is removed from the probable count.*

Details on the thirteen confirmed human cases:

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

Details on the eight probable human cases:

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

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