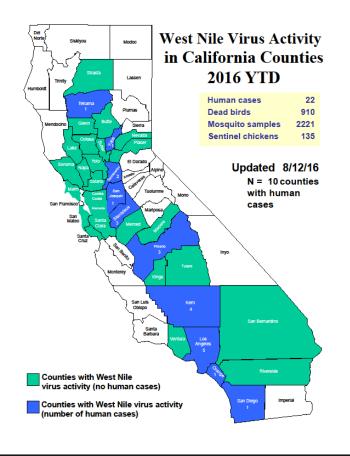


San Mateo County Health System

# West Nile Virus Report



West Nile Virus Activity			
<b>California</b> (as of 8/15/16)	SMC <sup>1</sup>	CA1	
Human Cases	0	22	
Human Deaths	0	1	
Dead Birds	10	910	
Mosquito Pools	4	2221	
Sentinel Chickens	0	135	
Nationwide (as of 8/16/16)	Activity		
Human Cases	213		
Human Deaths	5		
Human Activity*	26 states		
Non-Human Activity**	34 states		

\*includes cases with West Nile neuroinvasive disease, West Nile fever; excludes asymptomatic infections

\*\*includes WNV veterinary disease cases and WNV infections in mosquitoes, birds, sentinel animals

San Mateo County Mosquito & Vector Control District Response			
Fogging Location (as of 8/15/16)	Date		
Redwood City and Atherton	7/29 PM—		
	7/30 AM		
Atherton and Unincorporated San	8/4 PM—		
Mateo County	8/5 AM		
San Mateo and Foster City	8/14 PM—		
	8/15 AM		

Note: Questions regarding mosquito fogging activities should be directed to the San Mateo County Mosquito & Vector Control District at (650) 344-8592.

## St. Louis Encephalitis

St. Louis Encephalitis Virus (SLEV) is a *Flavivirus* that is closely related to West Nile Virus (WNV). Similar to WNV, most people infected with SLEV have no symptoms or mild flu-like symptoms, though some individuals, such as those with a weakened immune system, may have more severe symptoms. Both SLEV and WNV can be spread to humans by the bite of infected *Culex sp.* mosquitoes. While <u>mosquitoes in the Coachella Valley</u> tested positive for SLEV in 2015 and 2016, SLEV has <u>not</u> been detected in San Mateo County. Prior to 2015, SLEV was last detected in California in 2003. More information on SLEV can be found <u>here</u>. There have been no human cases of SLEV or WNV in San Mateo County this season. To prevent mosquito-borne diseases, eliminate standing water around your home and take steps to <u>protect yourself from mosquito bites</u>.

### **DEAD BIRD REPORTING:**

• All dead bird reports and pick up should be directed to the California Department of Public Health by: • Calling 1-877-WNV-BIRD (877-968-2473), Sunday through Friday, 8 AM—4:30 PM

OR

### Online reporting at: <u>www.westnile.ca.gov/report\_wnv.php</u>

- Birds or squirrels which are not picked up within 24 hours should be disposed of in the following manner:
  - Use gloves, a plastic bag, or shovel to pick up the animal
  - Place into an outside trash can
  - Wash your hands
- There is no evidence that the WNV virus can be acquired by handling dead birds or squirrels

### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:**

- CDC: <u>www.cdc.gov/westnile</u>
- CDPH WNV Website: <u>www.westnile.ca.gov</u>
- San Mateo County Health System: <u>www.smchealth.org/WNV</u>
- San Mateo County Mosquito and Vector Control District: www.smcmvcd.org or (650) 344-8592
- All inquiries from the press or politicians should be directed to the Public Information Officer at (650) 867-1661

Data Sources:

- (1) California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Vector-Borne Disease Section as of August 15, 2016 (www.westnile.ca.gov)
- (2) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as of August 16, 2016 (www.cdc.gov/westnile)