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FIRST HUMAN CASE OF WEST NILE VIRUS ANNOUNCED

- WHO:** Wilma Wooten, M.D., Deputy Public Health Officer, San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency
Gary Erbeck, Director, San Diego County Department of Environmental Health
- WHAT:** Announcement of first 2004 human case of West Nile virus in San Diego County
- WHEN:** 1:30 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 27
- WHERE:** San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency
1700 Pacific Highway
- WHY:** A San Diego County man in his 50s is the first 2004 human case of West Nile virus in San Diego County. Wilma Wooten, M.D., Deputy Public Health Officer, will discuss the health aspects of the virus, including when to seek medical treatment and personal protection against mosquito bites, while Gary Erbeck, Director, San Diego County Department of Environmental Health (DEH), will talk about what DEH is doing to control mosquitoes that carry the virus, how and when to report dead birds that may have died of the virus, and what the public can do to clean up mosquito breeding areas.

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