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HHSА ANNOUNCES SECOND LOCALLY-ACQUIRED WEST NILE VIRUS CASE ***Public Urged to Avoid Outdoor Activity at Dawn and Dusk; Use Insect Repellent***

The County of San Diego HHSА (Health and Human Services Agency) reports that an individual suspected last week of having locally-acquired West Nile virus has been confirmed to have the disease.

A 68-year-old man, a resident of East County, was diagnosed with encephalitis in late August. Subsequent tests determined that the man was infected with WNV. He remains hospitalized in stable condition.

Last week, an 86-year-old East County man was diagnosed with meningoencephalitis in late August and tested positive for WNV.

The public is urged to avoid outdoor activity at dawn and dusk; use insect repellent with DEET, Picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus; not sleep outside, unprotected; wear long sleeves and pants; remove any source of standing water from the perimeter of your property; and ensure that windows and doors have tight fitting screens without holes or tears.

This brings the 2007 total of human WNV cases to three (including one non-locally-acquired case). Since 2003, there have been a total of 10 cases reported in San Diego County, three of which were locally-acquired.

For more information or to report possible mosquito breeding sources, please call the County's WNV information line toll free at (888) 551-INFO (4636) or visit the County's web site at www.SDFighttheBite.com.

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