



King County West Nile Virus Update



Current Alert Level

2

Low Risk of Human Outbreak

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2008 Surveillance Update

As of 09/ 29/ 2008

Non-Human WNV Surveillance

Dead bird reports	1391
Dead birds submitted for testing	61
Dead bird test results received	53
	# positive 1
Mosquito trapping events *includes City of Seattle	433
Mosquito pools tested	200
	# positive 0
Mosquito inquiries and complaints	81

WA Dept of Health WNV Links

Avian mortality report

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/ts/Zoo/WNV/Newsletters/dbreport/dbreport.pdf>

WNV Weekly update

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/ts/Zoo/WNV/weeklyupdate.pdf>

DOH WNV home page

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/ts/Zoo/WNV/WNV.html>

Maps

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/ts/Zoo/WNV/Surveillance08.html>

Statistics

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/ts/Zoo/WNV/Surveillance08.html#Statistic>

CDC National WNV Map

2008

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/Mapsactivity/surv&control08Maps.htm>

Latest News

[2 Western Washington crows test positive for West Nile virus](#) Seattle Times

Two dead crows, one from King County and another from Thurston County, have tested positive for West Nile virus, the first in Western Washington this year.

[Researcher Finds City Storm Drains a Haven for Mosquitoes](#) EVLiving

Storm drains on city streets have long had a useful function, taking away the runoff from rain, watered lawns and summer car washes, but a new study has found that they also can act as a haven for unwanted pests – mosquitoes.

[Hungry mosquitofish "" the defense against West Nile "" is also munching on protected amphibians](#)

San Jose Mercury News

The scrappy little mosquitofish has been our champion in the fight against the insect-borne West Nile virus. But for local amphibians, already struggling to survive, it is something else entirely.

King County Update

King County reports first WNV+ bird from Kirkland WA. View our September 23rd press release here <http://www.metrokc.gov/health/news/08092301.htm>.

Mosquito trapping has wrapped up for the year. This week was the last week of trapping in Seattle and our last 5 mosquito pools are in for testing at UC Davis. We will continue to collect birds through October 31st.

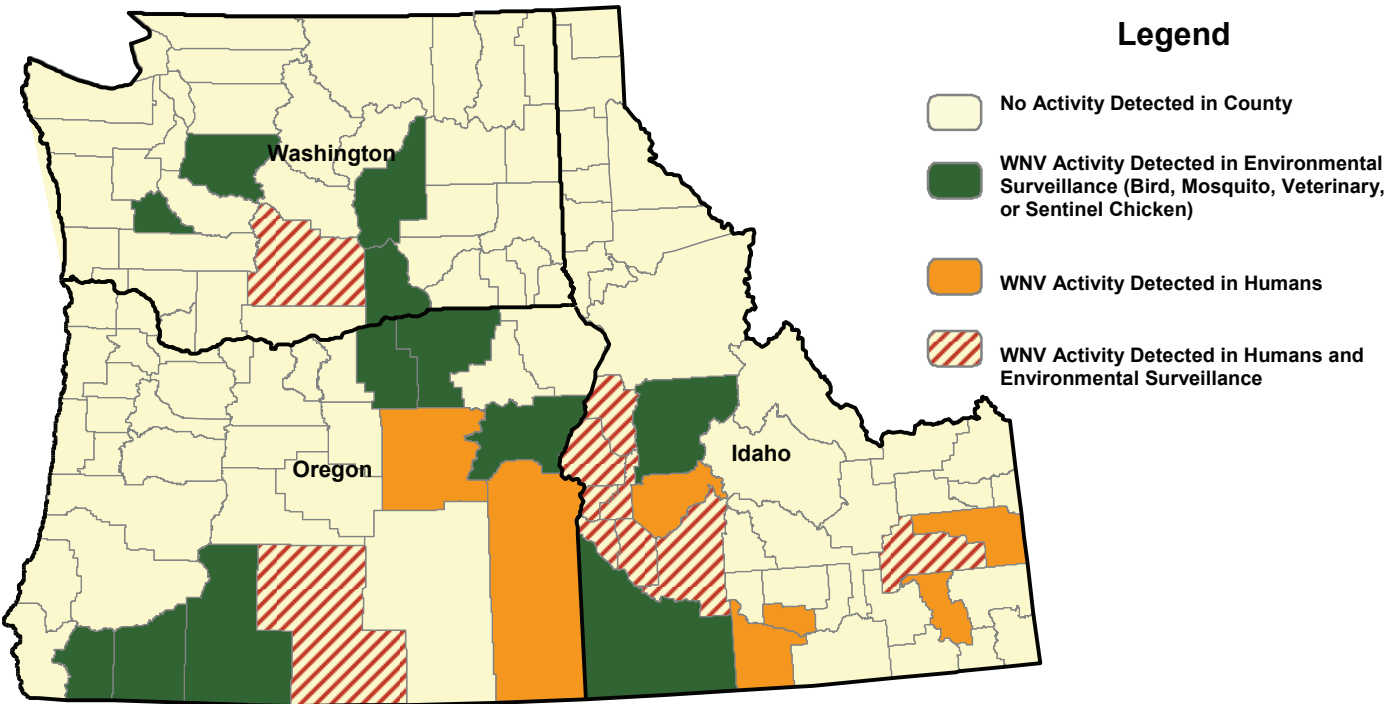
IAWG Meeting Rescheduled

The next WNV IAWG meeting will be held in Bellevue at the Eastgate Public Health clinic on **Thursday October 16th from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m.**

Eastgate Public Health is located at 14350 SE Eastgate Way [\[MAP\]](#) Bellevue, WA Phone: 206-296-4920

Regional West Nile Virus Activity

WNV Positive Surveillance	Washington 10/01/08 www.doh.wa.gov/wnv	Oregon 09/28/08 http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/acd/diseases/wnile/survey.shtml	Idaho 09/22/08 www.westnile.idaho.gov
Human / Fatalities	2 / 0	16 / 0	34 / 0
Bird	10	1	3
Mosquito	41	18	7 Counties
Veterinary	35 horses	0	1 horse
Sentinel Chicken	Not Reporting	0	Not Reporting



National West Nile Virus Activity

WNV Positive Surveillance	Number of States Reporting	Totals
Human Infections ¹	39	918
Human Fatalities ¹	7	19
Non Human Surveillance ²	47	Bird: 2520 Mosquito: 7317 Veterinary: 139 Sentinel Chicken: 391

¹ Reported to CDC as of September 30, 2008 <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/Mapsactivity/surv&control08Maps.htm>

² Reported to Arbonet as of September 30, 2008 <http://diseasemaps.usgs.gov/>