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MOSQUITO INFECTED WITH WEST NILE VIRUS FOUND IN GARDEN GROVE

The Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District (OCMVCD) has confirmed and informed Garden Grove City officials of the first mosquito sample infected with the West Nile virus (WNV) in Garden Grove. The mosquitoes were collected in mosquito traps at the West Street Basin, in the vicinity of West Street and Chapman Avenue.

OCMVCD inspectors will be closely monitoring the area for any additional findings. District teams will be posting public health advisories in the area and alerting residents to the detection of WNV, and offering information on preventative measures against mosquitoes and WNV.

The City of Garden Grove encourages the community to take extra steps to protect themselves from mosquitoes, especially from dawn to dusk when mosquitoes are most active.

According to the OCMVCD, the first mosquito sample to test positive for WNV in Orange County this year, was on June 15, in the city of La Habra.

More information on WNV, safeguards, and links to the OCMVCD and other health agencies, can be found on the City's website at www.garden-grove.org.

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