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NEWS RELEASE

West Nile Virus Cases Double During Last Week

EL PASO, Texas – A total of six new cases of West Nile Virus confirmed over the past week has brought the total number of cases in El Paso to 11 so far this season.

The following is a compilation of cases identified by Department of Public Health epidemiologist:

Case	Gender	Age	Residence	
11	Male	Mid 20's	Central	New
10	Male	Late 50's	Mission Valley	New
9	Male	Late 70's	Westside	New
8	Female	Late 60's	Central	New
7	Female	Early 70's	East Colonia	New
6	Male	Mid 70's	Socorro	New
5	Male	Late 40's	Westside	
4	Male	Mid 70's	Central	
3	Male	Mid 40's	Mission Valley	
2	Male	Early 50's	Eastside	
1	Male	Mid 40's	Eastside	

The news comes as the Sun City continues to experience seasonal rains with more expected in the coming days. "We need to remember that it takes about a teaspoon of water to create breeding conditions for mosquitoes that carry the West Nile Virus," said Lead Epidemiologist Fernando Gonzalez. "As soon as we see rain, we need to start thinking about getting outside our homes and getting rid of it."

The most effective way to avoid mosquito-borne illnesses, is to prevent mosquito bites and use the 4 D's:

- DEET - Use insect repellents that contain deet when outdoors.
- DRESS - Wear long sleeves, long pants, and socks when outdoors.
- DUSK and DAWN – Although mosquitoes associated with Zika can be active throughout the day, residents should take extra care during peak mosquito biting hours (from dusk to dawn) or consider avoiding outdoor activities during these times.
- DRAIN – Drain standing water from flowerpots, gutters, buckets, pool covers, pet water dishes, and birdbaths.

Residents can also mosquito-proof their home by repairing screens on windows and doors to keep mosquitoes out.

To report standing water or mosquito breeding, call 3-1-1. For more information on mosquitoes, visit www.EPHealth.com or www.EPSalud.com.

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