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NEWS RELEASE

Number of West Nile Virus Cases Continues to Increase

Three new cases brings total to 13 so far this season

EL PASO, Texas – The City of El Paso Department of Public Health (DPH) continues to receive confirmed cases of West Nile virus in our area. The 11th case is a man in his early 80’s, the 12th is a woman in her early 30’s, and the 13th case is a man in his late 80’s. Two of the three individuals have underlying medical conditions.

“It doesn’t appear that the mosquito-borne disease season will be coming to an end any time soon,” said Robert Resendes, Public Health Director. As we approach a holiday weekend, when many spend extra time outdoors, it is important that we remember to protect ourselves from getting bitten and contracting this and other diseases.

The following is a table of the cases reported to the DPH so far this season:

	1.	Female	Late 70’s	Underlying Medical Conditions
	2.	Female	Late 70’s	Underlying Medical Conditions
Deceased	3.	Female	Early 50’s	Underlying Medical Conditions
	4.	Female	Early 30’s	No Underlying Medical Conditions
	5.	Male	Late 30’s	No Underlying Medical Conditions
Deceased	6.	Male	Early 80’s	Underlying Medical Conditions
	7.	Male	Early 30’s	No Underlying Medical Conditions
	8.	Female	Mid 70’s	Underlying Medical Conditions
	9.	Male	Early 80’s	Underlying Medical Conditions
	10.	Female	Mid 70’s	Underlying Medical Conditions
NEW	11.	Male	Early 80’s	Underlying Medical Conditions
NEW	12.	Female	Early 30’s	No Underlying Medical Conditions
NEW	13.	Male	Late 80’s	Underlying Medical Conditions

The best way to avoid exposure to mosquito-borne diseases is to practice the “four Ds”:

- **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 other diseases such as 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.

You can also mosquito-proof your home by installing or repairing screens on windows and doors to keep mosquitoes out. To report standing water or mosquito breeding call 3-1-1.

Please share - [Mosquito Prevention PSA](#)

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