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Wyoming West Nile Season Ends With Low Numbers

According to the Wyoming Department of Health, the final count of 10 laboratory-confirmed West Nile virus infections reported in Wyoming residents was much lower this year than the previous two seasons.

Four of the reported case patients this year were from Fremont County, three from Goshen County, two from Platte County and one from Laramie County.

No West Nile virus-related deaths were reported this year in the state. One case involved the more serious West Nile neuroinvasive disease (meningitis or encephalitis), and two patients required hospitalization.

The reported dates for the onset of symptoms began May 12 and ended September 4. Ages of those infected ranged from 28 to 74. Sixty percent of cases involved men and 40 percent were women.

In 2007, 184 human cases and one death were reported in Wyoming. There were 65 human cases with two deaths in 2006; 12 human cases with two deaths in 2005; 10 human cases with no deaths in 2004; and 393 human cases with nine deaths in 2003.

More information on West Nile virus is available on the web at www.badskeeter.org.

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