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West Nile Virus

CDC awards funds to combat West Nile virus. Today, Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson will announce the award of over \$6 million to 14 states and 2 cities hit hardest by the West Nile Virus (see table below for funds distribution). The Secretary will make this announcement during a trip to Ohio, and CDC officials will make similar announcements in Alabama, Tennessee, Iowa, and Chicago, Illinois. Earlier this month, CDC awarded \$3.4 million to Louisiana, \$1.3 million to Texas, and \$300,000 to Mississippi. These funds are intended for activities deemed the highest priority by states to help control and prevent human disease from West Nile Virus.

This money brings total CDC funding to states and cities for West Nile virus so far this year to more than \$31 million. CDC has provided approximately \$54 million to states, cities, and territories since West Nile virus was first detected in the United States in 1999. The federal government continues to provide technical and scientific support to states and communities in need of assistance.

City/State Amount

Alabama \$550,000

Arkansas \$398,397

Chicago \$280,000

Houston \$355,000

Illinois \$400,506

Indiana \$306,058

Iowa \$400,000

Kentucky \$305,970

Minnesota \$348,596

Mississippi \$700,000

Missouri \$548,798

North Dakota \$395,182

Ohio \$310,300

South Dakota \$201,594

Tennessee \$333,000

Wisconsin \$535,000

Total \$6,368,401

Reminder: On August 30, requests for the remaining supplemental funding to help control and prevent the impact of West Nile virus (WNV) are due to CDC. This month, Secretary Thompson has announced that HHS would provide \$14 million in supplemental funding to states hardest hit by the WNV. Principal investigators in states eligible for the supplemental funds have been in contact with the CDC National Center for Infectious Diseases to discuss proposal requirements. If you have additional questions, please contact Debbie Deppe at 404-639-4668 or Bob Ruiz at 404-639-4115.

Public service announcements to be released. In response to requests, CDC is developing a public service campaign to help educate the public on measures to prevent the further spread of West Nile Virus. The campaign is expected to be available the first week of September. Please check with your state public information office to get further details. (The list of state public health information offices can be found at www.NPHIC.org in the "membership" area.)

Case count update: As of **August 27, 2002** these are the human case totals for 2002 that have been reported to CDC/Arbonet or compiled in direct communication with state or local health officials:

■ **Total Laboratory Positive Human Cases**

Alabama 6

District of Columbia 1

Florida 1

Georgia 6

Illinois 60

Indiana 6

Kentucky 3

Louisiana 171

Maryland 1

Massachusetts 1

Michigan 13

Mississippi 91

Missouri 16

Nebraska 1

New York 4

Ohio 24

South Dakota 3

Tennessee 4

Texas 38

Virginia 1

Wisconsin 2

Total human cases: **425**

Total human fatalities: 21- GA (2), IL (2), KY (1), LA (8), MI (1), MS (3), MO (1), OH (2), TX (1)

**These numbers are derived from cases that have been reported and verified to CDC/Arbonet. Arbonet is the national, electronic surveillance system established by CDC to assist states in tracking West Nile and other mosquito-borne viruses.*

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) protects people's health and safety by preventing and controlling diseases and injuries; enhances health decisions by providing credible information on critical health issues; and promotes healthy living through strong partnerships with local, national and international organizations.

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