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The El Paso City-County Health and Environmental District has now received 11 reports of West Nile Virus (WNV) disease. The updated count is 6 confirmed cases and 5 suspect cases. Of these 11 cases, 3 are West Nile Fever and 8 are West Nile Neuro-invasive Disease. The death toll still stands at 2. The four newly reported cases, all El Pasoans, are three (3) men ages 60, 68, and 67 and a 48-year-old woman. The woman was hospitalized for four days and released, but the men remain in local hospitals. A New Mexico veterinarian diagnosed the second horse in El Paso with West Nile Virus. The animal is stabled in the Upper Valley. The first horse was from Fabens.

A pool of *Culex tarsalis* mosquitoes trapped in Fabens on August 17 has been found by the Texas Department of Health Laboratory to be infected with Western Equine Encephalitis (WEE). The mosquitoes were collected in the same area where others were found positive with West Nile Virus and where the first infected horse was identified.

Source: El Paso City-County Health and Environmental District.

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