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(S.D.)-Third Person In The State Dies From West Nile Virus



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PIERRE, S.D. (AP) - The South Dakota Department of Health says another person has died from West Nile disease in South Dakota.

This brings the total number of deaths from the mosquito-borne disease in the state to three. The first death from the disease was reported in Hughes County, while the second death was reported in McPherson County.

The Health Department says the person was from Minnehaha County, was older than 75, and died the last week of September. The agency does not release the names of West Nile victims.

Nearly 200 West Nile cases have been reported in South Dakota this year. The state ranks first in the nation in cases per capita, with about 21 infections for every 100,000 people.