

New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services
APPROVAL PROTOCOL FOR WEST NILE VIRUS HUMAN
SPECIMEN TESTING AT THE STATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND
ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY

West Nile Virus 2004: Form A

**Instructions for completing the Request for Human West Nile Virus (WNV) Testing
Patient Intake Record**

To facilitate surveillance for human WNV illness, the New Jersey medical care community is requested to report to the NJDHSS any patients that meet the WNV surveillance criteria (please refer to “**Diagnostic Criteria for Testing of Suspect Human Cases**”, Form B) by completing a **WNV Patient Intake Record**. Completed intake records should be faxed to NJDHSS, Infectious and Zoonotic Disease Program at **(609) 588-2546**. The Patient Intake Record will be reviewed by NJDHSS staff and the contact identified in Section 2 (‘Reported By’) will be notified if the patient has been approved for testing at the Public Health and Environmental Laboratories (PHEL). Samples from patients who do not meet the surveillance criteria will not be approved for testing at the PHEL, but can be screened for WNV through testing offered by private laboratories. All positive results from private laboratories will be forwarded to PHEL for confirmation. **A completed WNV Patient Intake Record is required for testing approval of human sera and cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) at PHEL.**

Samples from patients accepted for WNV testing should be sent to the PHEL, following the “**Submission Protocol for Testing of Human Sera and Cerebrospinal Fluid Specimens**”, Form C. Specimens that arrive at the PHEL without prior approval **will not be tested** until a completed WNV Patient Intake Record is received and approved by the Infectious and Zoonotic Disease Program.

If you have any questions, please contact Shereen Brynildsen at the NJDHSS Infectious & Zoonotic Disease Program at (609) 588-3121 or shereen.brynildsen@doh.state.nj.us.

Please fax completed form to (609) 588-2546
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