

Mosquito-borne Virus Test Results

For the week ending Thursday July 9, 2015

In This Update:

West Nile virus activity (mosquito and/or avian) has been identified in 7 counties: Burlington, Essex, Gloucester, Hudson, Middlesex, Morris and Somerset.

Human Testing

The New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) Public Health and Environmental Laboratories (PHEL) tests blood and other clinical samples from people suspected of having West Nile virus (WNV), Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) and St. Louis encephalitis (SLE) infection.

- No human cases have been identified.

Avian Testing

The NJDOH PHEL tests select bird species for WNV infection.

- To date, 17 birds were tested for WNV from 11 counties, including Atlantic, Burlington, Essex, Gloucester, Hunterdon, Mercer, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Salem and Warren.
- 2 WNV positive birds have been identified in the following counties: Burlington (1) and Gloucester (1).

Mosquito Testing

The NJDOH PHEL and the Cape May Department of Mosquito Control Bio-safety Level 3 (CMBSL3) Laboratory test mosquitoes for the following viruses:

West Nile virus (WNV):

- To date, mosquito pools from all 21 counties have been tested for WNV.
- 6 WNV positive mosquito pools have been identified from the following counties: Essex (1), Hudson (1), Middlesex (2), Morris (1) and Somerset (1).

Eastern equine encephalitis virus (EEE):

- To date, mosquito pools from 11 counties have been tested for EEE (Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cumberland, Cape May, Gloucester, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean and Salem).
- No EEE positive mosquito pools have been identified.

St. Louis encephalitis virus (SLE):

- To date, mosquito pools have been tested for SLE from 1 county (Cape May).
- No SLE positive mosquito pools have been identified.

La Crosse encephalitis virus (LAC):

- To date, mosquito pools from 1 county have been tested for LAC (Cape May).
- No LAC positive mosquito pools have been identified.

Chikungunya virus (CHIKV):

- To date, mosquito pools have been tested for CHIKV from 8 counties (Atlantic, Camden, Cumberland, Gloucester, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth and Salem).
- No CHIKV positive mosquito pools have been identified.

Dengue virus (DENV):

- To date, mosquito pools have been tested for DENV serotypes 1-4 from 8 counties (Atlantic, Camden, Cumberland, Gloucester, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth and Salem).
- No DENV positive mosquito pools have been identified.

Horse Testing

Equine testing for WNV and EEE is conducted at the New Jersey Department of Agriculture's animal health laboratory.

- No WNV or EEE equine cases have been identified.

For More Information

- West Nile Virus: www.state.nj.us/health/cd/westnile
- Eastern Equine Encephalitis: www.state.nj.us/health/cd/eee/index.shtml
- St. Louis Encephalitis Virus: www.state.nj.us/health/cd/sle/index.shtml
- La Crosse Encephalitis Virus: <http://www.cdc.gov/lac/>
- Chikungunya Virus: www.cdc.gov/chikungunya
- Dengue Virus: www.state.nj.us/health/cd/dengue/index.shtml
- Equine Testing: www.state.nj.us/agriculture