

Massachusetts Department of Public Health

Arbovirus Surveillance Program Report

Key Public Risk Communication Messages for This Week:

Aerial spraying in Plymouth County and ground spraying in Worcester County is scheduled to begin on 8/27/24 to control EEE mosquito vectors in selected communities. For more information and a list of impacted communities, please visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/mosquito-control-and-spraying>

Aerial and Ground Spray Maps are available are posted here: <https://massnrc.org/spray-map/Region/List>

MDPH has identified one EEE human case in Worcester County, a single EEE horse case in the town of Plymouth, and 69 EEE positive mosquito samples, from Barnstable, Essex, Middlesex, Norfolk, and Plymouth Counties. MDPH has also identified two WNV human cases from Hampden and Middlesex Counties, and 262 WNV mosquito samples collected statewide.

In response to increasing arbovirus detections, risk levels have been elevated in adjacent communities. Personal protection measures are recommended due to elevated arbovirus detections and average mosquito vector populations across the state. Check your risk levels throughout the season by visiting our interactive site <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-arbovirus-update>

Average regional precipitation events and warm daytime weather will continue to support populations of WNV and EEE mosquito vectors. Avoid mosquito bites by using EPA approved repellents, appropriate clothing and avoiding peak mosquito activity between dusk and dawn. Remove standing water by emptying containers and tarps. Please review the 2024 MDPH Surveillance and Response Plan for updates to risk levels and risk messaging. <https://www.mass.gov/doc/2024-arbovirus-surveillance-and-response-plan/download>

WNV and EEE Virus Surveillance Summary	
Results contained in this report reflect data up to and inclusive of MMWR Week 34 (Sunday, 08/18/2024-Saturday, 08/24/2024)	
Mosquito Surveillance	
Number of Mosquito Samples Tested	6645
Number of WNV Positive Samples	262
Number of EEE Positive Samples	69
Equine/Mammal Surveillance	
Number of Mammal Specimens Tested	5
Number of WNV Positive Horses	0
Number of EEE Positive Horses	1
Number of other WNV Positive Mammals	0
Human Surveillance	
Number of Human Specimens Tested	93
Number of Human WNV Cases	2
Number of Human EEE Cases	1

Summary of 2024 Mosquito Samples Tested Massachusetts State Public Health Laboratory													
MMWR Week: (Specimens Tested)	Berkshire County MCP	Bristol County MCP	Cape Cod MCP	Central MA MCP	Dukes County MCP	East Middlesex MCP	Norfolk County MCP	Northeast MA MCP	Pioneer Valley	Plymouth County MCP	SPHL	Suffolk County MCP	Total Tested
30 (07/21-07/27/2024)	32	29	67	108	9	31	41	35	59	96	186	41	734
31 (07/28-08/03/2024)	39	31	65	117	7	61	35	83	56	128	185	30	837
32 (08/04-08/10/2024)	27	30	63	120	5	46	33	88	44	37	155	28	676
33 (08/11-08/17/2024)	25	34	58	96	5	23	42	41	43	212	94	17	690
34 (08/18-08/24/2024)	27	32	40	66	6	45	15	88	30	0	91	10	450
Total	393	277	571	1010	43	359	264	522	465	699	1835	207	6645

Numbers reflect finalized results; data are subject to change as additional test results are finalized.

Chikungunya and Dengue, Reported in Massachusetts by County of Residence, 2024

(These data are current as of 8/26/2024 and are subject to change)

County	Chikungunya virus infection	Dengue Fever
Barnstable	1	1
Berkshire	0	0
Bristol	0	2
Dukes	2	0
Essex	0	6
Franklin	0	0
Hampden	0	1
Hampshire	0	2
Middlesex	8	19
Nantucket	0	0
Norfolk	0	12
Plymouth	0	2
Suffolk	3	28
Worcester	1	11
Total	15	84

Note: Cases listed above were travel-acquired unless otherwise noted