

Massachusetts Department of Public Health Arbovirus Surveillance Program Report

Key Public Risk Communication Messages for This Week:

MDPH has concluded mosquito testing and surveillance for the season. MDPH will continue human testing and reporting. The risk of EEE transmission has declined statewide due to lower temperatures and the absence of suitable EEE vectors. On 10/2, DPH decreased EEE risk to Moderate for all communities previously at Critical or High risk. The risk of human WNV transmission will continue for the next few weeks.

Personal protection measures are recommended due to elevated arbovirus detections. Check your risk levels throughout the season by visiting our interactive site <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-arbovirus-update>

Regional precipitation events and average daytime temperatures will support populations of WNV 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 41 (Sunday, 10/06/2024-Saturday, 10/12/2024)	
Mosquito Surveillance	
Number of Mosquito Samples Tested	8597
Number of WNV Positive Samples	333
Number of EEE Positive Samples	97
Equine/Mammal Surveillance	
Number of Mammal Specimens Tested	13
Number of WNV Positive Horses	0
Number of EEE Positive Horses	3
Number of other WNV Positive Mammals	0
Human Surveillance	
Number of Human Specimens Tested	254
Number of Human WNV Cases	15
Number of Human EEE Cases	4

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
37 (09/08-09/14/2024)	22	19	13	72	4	32	23	31	18	27	46	9	316
38 (09/15-09/21/2024)	13	27	12	38	4	22	15	25	31	7	29	15	238
39 (09/22-09/28/2024)	2	24	17	51	4	22	14	28	17	13	17	8	217
40 (09/29-10/05/2024)	5	24	15	50	0	5	9	0	13	0	7	9	137
41 (10/06-10/12/2024)	3	8	5	38	1	4	0	0	7	0	1	0	67
Total	490	447	723	1407	66	508	374	709	612	824	2150	287	8597

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 10/16/2024 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	9
Franklin	0	0
Hampden	0	2
Hampshire	0	2
Middlesex	8	26
Nantucket	0	0
Norfolk	1	14
Plymouth	0	2
Suffolk	4	39
Worcester	2	15
Total	18	112

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