

Massachusetts Department of Public Health

Arbovirus Surveillance Program Report

Key Public Risk Communication Messages for This Week:

MDPH reported 28 EEE positive mosquito samples, from Barnstable, Essex, and Plymouth Counties. Risk levels in these regions are elevated. MDPH also reported 100 WNV mosquito samples collected this season. Personal protection measures are recommended due to elevated arbovirus detections and above 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>

Intense regional precipitation events and warm weather will 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 31 (Sunday, 07/28/2024-Saturday, 08/03/2024)	
Mosquito Surveillance	
Number of Mosquito Samples Tested	4828
Number of WNV Positive Samples	100
Number of EEE Positive Samples	28
Equine/Mammal Surveillance	
Number of Mammal Specimens Tested	3
Number of WNV Positive Horses	0
Number of EEE Positive Horses	0
Number of other WNV Positive Mammals	0
Human Surveillance	
Number of Human Specimens Tested	49
Number of Human WNV Cases	0
Number of Human EEE Cases	0

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
27 (06/30-07/06/2024)	43	28	58	107	5	13	30	35	46	9	88	15	477
28 (07/07-07/13/2024)	35	24	72	72	6	55	0	35	42	113	290	16	760
29 (07/14-07/20/2024)	38	27	55	116	0	49	19	31	65	69	279	30	778
30 (07/21-07/27/2024)	32	29	67	108	9	31	41	35	59	96	186	41	734
31 (07/26-08/03/2024)	39	31	65	117	7	61	35	83	55	128	185	30	836
Total	314	181	410	728	27	245	174	305	347	450	1495	152	4828

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

Reported in Massachusetts by County of Residence, 2024
(These data are current as of 8/5/2024 and are subject to change)

County	Chikungunya virus infection	Dengue Fever
Barnstable	1	1
Berkshire	0	0
Bristol	0	1
Dukes	2	0
Essex	0	5
Franklin	0	0
Hampden	0	0
Hampshire	0	2
Middlesex	8	19
Nantucket	0	0
Norfolk	0	10
Plymouth	0	2
Suffolk	3	26
Worcester	1	8
Total	15	74

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