

**Massachusetts Department of Public Health**  
**Arbovirus Surveillance Program Report**

**Key Public Risk Communication Messages for This Week:**

MDPH has identified four EEE human cases in Middlesex, Plymouth, and Worcester Counties, three EEE horse cases in Plymouth County, and 96 EEE positive mosquito samples, from Barnstable, Bristol, Essex, Middlesex, Norfolk, Plymouth, and Worcester Counties. MDPH has also identified 15 WNV human cases from Barnstable, Bristol, Essex, Hampden, Middlesex, Norfolk, and Suffolk Counties, and 333 WNV mosquito samples collected statewide.

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 weather 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>

<b>WNV and EEE Virus Surveillance Summary</b> Results contained in this report reflect data up to and inclusive of MMWR Week 40 (Sunday, 09/29/2024-Saturday, 10/05/2024)	
<b>Mosquito Surveillance</b>	
<b>Number of Mosquito Samples Tested</b>	8530
<b>Number of WNV Positive Samples</b>	333
<b>Number of EEE Positive Samples</b>	96
<b>Equine/Mammal Surveillance</b>	
<b>Number of Mammal Specimens Tested</b>	13
<b>Number of WNV Positive Horses</b>	0
<b>Number of EEE Positive Horses</b>	3
<b>Number of other WNV Positive Mammals</b>	0
<b>Human Surveillance</b>	
<b>Number of Human Specimens Tested</b>	241
<b>Number of Human WNV Cases</b>	15
<b>Number of Human EEE Cases</b>	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 Country MCP	Northeast MA MCP	Pioneer Valley	Plymouth County MCP	SPHL	Suffolk County MCP	Total Tested	
36 (09/01-09/07/2024)	26	37	48	78	4	31	33	38	26	38	61	17	437	
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	
Total	487	439	718	1369	65	504	374	709	605	824	2149	287	8530	

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 9/30/2024 and are subject to change)

County	Chikungunya virus infection	Dengue Fever
<b>Barnstable</b>	1	1
<b>Berkshire</b>	0	0
<b>Bristol</b>	0	2
<b>Dukes</b>	2	0
<b>Essex</b>	0	8
<b>Franklin</b>	0	0
<b>Hampden</b>	0	2
<b>Hampshire</b>	0	2
<b>Middlesex</b>	8	25
<b>Nantucket</b>	0	0
<b>Norfolk</b>	1	14
<b>Plymouth</b>	0	2
<b>Suffolk</b>	4	39
<b>Worcester</b>	2	15
<b>Total</b>	18	110

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