

# **Mosquito-borne Virus Test Results**

**For the week ending August 27, 2010**

**Mosquito-borne Disease Activity in New Jersey: West Nile virus (WNV) and / or Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) activity has been identified in 20 out of 21 counties in New Jersey.**

## **Human Testing**

The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (NJDHSS) 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.

- To date, there are 3 human cases of WNV that have been identified from the following counties: Ocean, Essex and Passaic. All 3 cases had evidence of WNV neuro-invasive disease.

## **Avian Testing**

The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (NJDHSS) Public Health and Environmental Laboratories (PHEL) tests select bird species for WNV infection.

- To date, 168 birds were tested for WNV.
- Of those tested, 82 birds have been confirmed positive for WNV from the following counties: Atlantic (11), Bergen (1), Burlington (2), Cape May (4), Essex (1), Gloucester (6), Mercer (4), Monmouth (7), Morris (7) and Ocean (39).

## **Mosquito Testing**

The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (NJDHSS) Public Health and Environmental Laboratories (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, 4,302 mosquito pools have been tested for WNV by the NJDHSS PHEL and CMBSL3 Laboratory.
- A total of 507 WNV positive mosquito pools were detected in the following 19 counties: Atlantic (24), Bergen (78), Burlington (22), Camden (35), Cape May (5), Essex (19), Gloucester (74), Hudson (65), Hunterdon (7), Mercer (48), Middlesex (46), Monmouth (5), Morris (20), Ocean (15), Passaic (5), Somerset (1), Sussex (3), Union (33) and Warren (2).

### **Eastern equine encephalitis virus (EEE):**

- To date, 1,028 mosquito pools have been tested for EEE by the NJDHSS PHEL and CMBSL3 Laboratory.

- A total of 14 EEE positive mosquito pools were detected in the following 5 counties: Burlington (2), Camden (3), Cape May (5), Gloucester (2) and Salem (2).

**St. Louis encephalitis virus (SLE):**

- To date, 525 mosquito pools have been tested for SLE by the NJDHSS PHEL and CMBSL3 Laboratory.
- No SLE positive mosquito pools have been identified.

**La Crosse encephalitis virus (LAC):**

- To date, 25 mosquito pools have been tested for LAC by the NJDHSS PHEL and CMBSL3 Laboratory.
- No LAC 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. Positive results are sent to the National Veterinary Services Lab in Ames, Iowa for confirmation.

- To date, there is 1 equine cases of WNV that has been reported from Atlantic County.
- For more information on equine testing, visit the Department of Agriculture website at [www.state.nj.us/agriculture](http://www.state.nj.us/agriculture).