



West Nile Virus Surveillance Report

August 7th, 2014

Mosquito¹ Surveillance:

Week 31: (07/27/2014-08/02/2014)	
Number of female <i>Culex</i> mosquitoes tested	20,373
Number of <i>Culex</i> mosquito pools tested	342
Number of positive pools	26
Number of communities with positive mosquito pools ²	18
Cumulative Totals: (05/08/2014 – 08/02/2014)	
Number of female <i>Culex</i> mosquitoes tested	151,229
Number of <i>Culex</i> mosquito pools tested	3,317
Number of positive pools	81
Number of communities with positive mosquito pools	37

1. Includes mosquito surveillance data from Cook County Department of Public Health, Skokie Department of Public Health, Evanston Department of Public Health, North West Mosquito Abatement District, North Shore Mosquito Abatement District, Des Plaines Valley Mosquito Abatement District, South Cook County Mosquito Abatement District, and the Illinois Department of Public Health.

2. Berkeley, Broadview, Evanston, Forest Park, Glenview, Hillside, Justice, Kenilworth, La Grange, Melrose Park, Morton Grove, Northbrook, Northfield, Palatine, Prospect Heights, Schaumburg, Skokie, and Winnetka.

Dead Birds: Twenty-two birds have been submitted for testing. Nineteen birds have tested negative, three birds have tested positive for WNV, collected in Oak Lawn, Riverside, and Western Springs.

Human Cases: No cases of WNV infection in humans have been reported.

Risk Assessment

There is a **low risk** of human West Nile Virus infection at this time.

Prevention: When outdoors between dusk and dawn, cover skin with lightly colored loose fitting clothing and use mosquito repellent with DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus. When applying repellent, always follow the directions on the product label. Get rid of standing water around your home in pet bowls, flower pots, old tires, baby pools and toys. Water that is allowed to stagnate for three or four days becomes a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Make sure your doors and windows have tightly fitting screens and repair any tears or other openings. Keep weeds and grass cut short and keep gutters clean and free of debris.

Disclaimer: All data are preliminary and may change as more reports are received.