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## West Nile Virus Surveillance Report

August 5, 2013

### Mosquito<sup>1</sup> Surveillance:

<b>Week 30: (07/21/2013 – 07/27/2013)</b>	
Number of female <i>Culex</i> mosquitoes tested	22,860
Number of <i>Culex</i> mosquito pools tested	506
Number of positive pools	88
Number of communities with positive mosquito pools <sup>2</sup>	38
<b>Cumulative Totals: (05/05/2013 – 07/27/2013)</b>	
Number of female <i>Culex</i> mosquitoes tested	169,369
Number of <i>Culex</i> mosquito pools tested	3,782
Number of positive pools	184
Number of communities with positive mosquito pools	49

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 Alsip, Berkeley, Brookfield, Chicago Ridge, Des Plaines, Elk Grove Village, Evanston, Evergreen Park, Forest Park, Franklin Park, Glenview, Harwood Heights, Hillside, Hodgkins, Hoffman Estates, Homewood, Justice, La Grange Highlands, LaGrange Park, Lincolnwood, Lynwood, Melrose Park, Morton Grove, Northbrook, Northfield, Oak Lawn, Oak Park, Palatine, Palos hills, Park Ridge, Prospect Heights, River Forest, Rolling Meadows, Schaumburg, Skokie, Summit, Willow Springs, and Winnetka.

**Dead Birds:** Forty-nine birds have been submitted for testing. Thirty-four birds have tested negative, one bird has tested positive from Glenview, and fourteen are pending results.

**Human Cases:** There are no reported cases of WNV infection in humans.

### **Risk Assessment**

There is an **increased 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.

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