



Purpose: This report serves as the official statement of West Nile virus activity in humans, mosquitoes, and birds within the jurisdiction of the Cook County Department of Public Health. All data are preliminary and may change as more reports are received.

Risk Assessment: The risk of human West Nile virus infection is **increasing**.

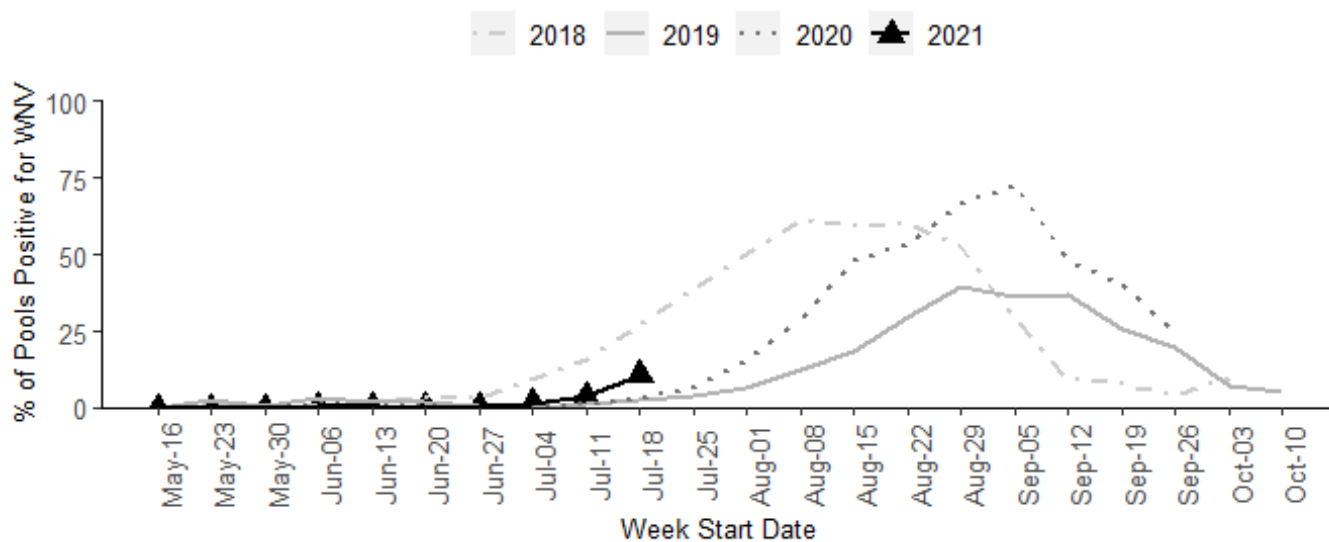
Prevention: When outdoors between dusk and dawn, cover skin with lightly colored loose fitting clothing and use mosquito repellent with DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus. When applying repellent, always follow the directions on the product label. Get rid of standing water around your home in 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.

Mosquito¹⁻³ Surveillance:

Weekly Summary	Week 29
Number of mosquitoes tested	21973
Number of mosquito pools tested	511
Number of positive pools	55
Percent of pools testing positive	10.8%
Number of communities with positive pools	20

Year to Date Summary	3 Year Average	2021
Number of mosquitoes tested	110677	115925
Number of mosquito pools tested	2879	3066
Number of positive pools	107	91
Percent of pools testing positive	3.7%	3%
Number of communities with positive pools	30	28

Percent of Mosquito Pools Positive for West Nile Virus





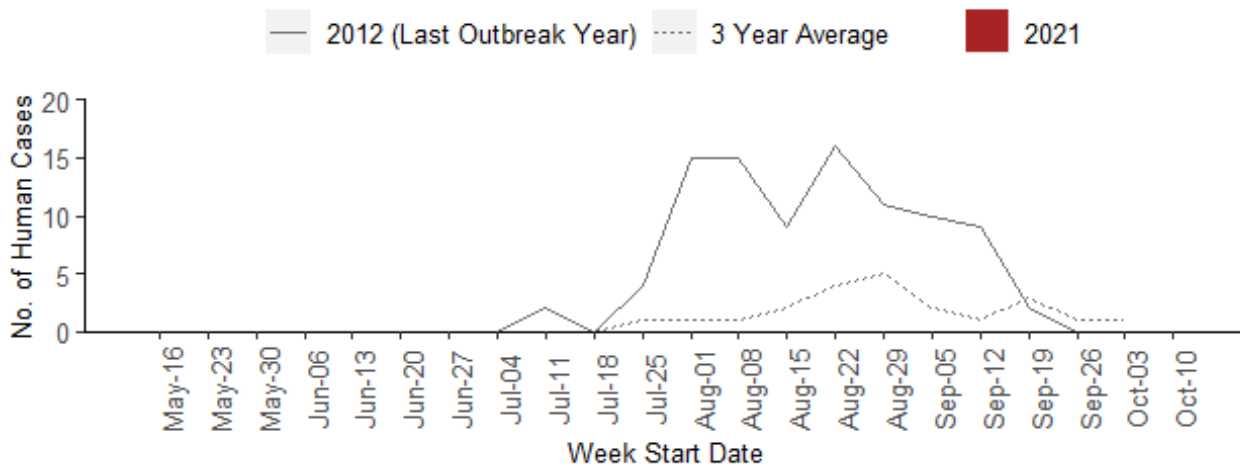
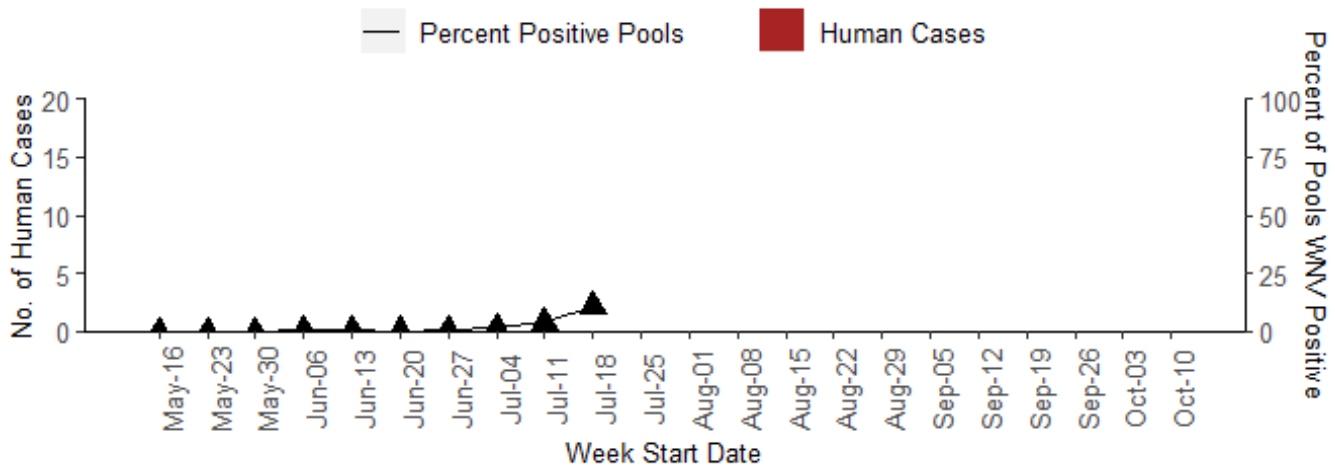
1. Includes mosquito surveillance data from Cook County Department of Public Health, Northwest Mosquito Abatement District, North Shore Mosquito Abatement District, Desplaines Valley Mosquito Abatement District, South Cook County Mosquito Abatement District, and the Illinois Department of Public Health.
2. When mosquitoes are tested for West Nile virus, they are tested in groups, or “pools”, of up to 50 mosquitoes. Therefore when a mosquito pool tests positive, the number of WNV positive mosquitoes in that pool is unknown. It is only known that at least one mosquito in the pool was positive.
3. Positive communities are listed on page 4.

Bird Surveillance:

Since June 1st, three birds have been submitted for testing. Results are pending.

Human Case Surveillance:

Since June 1st, no cases of West Nile virus have been reported in suburban Cook County.





***West Nile Virus
Surveillance Report
Week 29: Jul 18th – Jul 24th, 2021***

The following towns had traps that were positive for West Nile virus this week: Berkeley, Brookfield, Elmwood Park, Evanston, Glenview, Hillside, Hodgkins, Homewood, Justice, Kenilworth, La Grange, Lynwood, Melrose Park, Niles, Northbrook, Oak Park, Orland Park, River Forest, Skokie, Wilmette.

The following towns have had traps positive for West Nile virus at some point this season: Alsip, Berkeley, Broadview, Brookfield, Cicero, Elk Grove Village, Elmwood Park, Evanston, Glenview, Hillside, Hodgkins, Homewood, Justice, Kenilworth, La Grange, La Grange Park, Lynwood, Melrose Park, Niles, Northbrook, Northfield, Oak Forest, Oak Lawn, Oak Park, Orland Park, River Forest, Skokie, Wilmette.

Not all towns have mosquito traps so West Nile virus activity may be unknown in your area. CCDPH recommends all residents practice good West Nile virus prevention habits throughout the summer season.