



Florida Arbovirus Surveillance Week 15: April 6-12, 2014

Arbovirus surveillance in Florida includes endemic mosquito-borne viruses such as West Nile virus (WNV), Eastern equine encephalitis virus (EEEV), St. Louis encephalitis virus (SLEV), and Highlands J virus (HJV) and exotic viruses such as dengue virus (DENV) and California encephalitis group viruses (CEV). Malaria, a non-viral mosquito-borne disease is also included. During the period of April 6-12, 2014 the following arboviral activity was recorded in Florida.

WNV activity: No human cases of WNV illness were reported this week. No horses with WNV infection were reported this week. Two sentinel chickens tested positive for antibodies to WNV this week in Hillsborough and Walton Counties. In 2014, a positive sample from three sentinel chickens has been received from three counties.

EEEV activity: No human cases of EEE were reported this week. One horse with EEEV infection was reported this week in Volusia County. One sentinel chicken tested positive for antibodies to EEEV this week in Citrus County. In 2014, positive samples from four sentinel chickens and two horses have been received from four counties.

SLEV activity: No sentinel chickens tested positive for antibodies to SLEV this week. In 2014, positive samples from eight chickens have been received from three counties.

HJV activity: One sentinel chicken tested positive for antibodies to HJV this week in Walton County. In 2014, positive samples from eight sentinel chickens have been received from four counties.

Advisories/Alerts: No counties are currently under mosquito-borne illness advisory or alert. A CDC Health Alert Network (HAN) health advisory was issued in December for the Caribbean region announcing the first locally acquired cases of chikungunya fever in the Americas. There is a Level 1 (Watch) Travel Health Notice from the CDC for seven countries in the Caribbean related to the continued transmission of chikungunya. <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/watch/chikungunya-saint-martin>

2014 Human Case Summary*

Imported Dengue: Nineteen cases of dengue with onset in 2014 have been reported in individuals with travel history to a dengue endemic country in the two weeks prior to onset. Countries of origin were: Bolivia, Brazil, Cuba (6), Dominican Republic (4), Guadeloupe, Honduras, Puerto Rico (2), Trinidad, and Venezuela (2). Counties reporting cases were: Alachua, Broward (2), Clay, Hillsborough (2), Marion, Miami-Dade (8), Orange, and Osceola (3). Four of the cases were reported in non-Florida residents.

In 2014, 11 of the 19 cases of dengue reported in Florida have been serotyped by PCR. Additional serotyping and strain typing are being conducted.

	# of cases per serotype – 2014
DENV-1	2
DENV-2	6
DENV-3	0
DENV-4	3
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Imported Malaria: Seven cases of malaria with onset in 2014 have been reported. Countries of origin were: Dominican Republic, Ghana, Guatemala, Ivory Coast, Sierra Leone (2), and Sudan. Counties reporting cases were: Broward, Duval, Hillsborough (2), Miami-Dade, Okaloosa, and Orange.

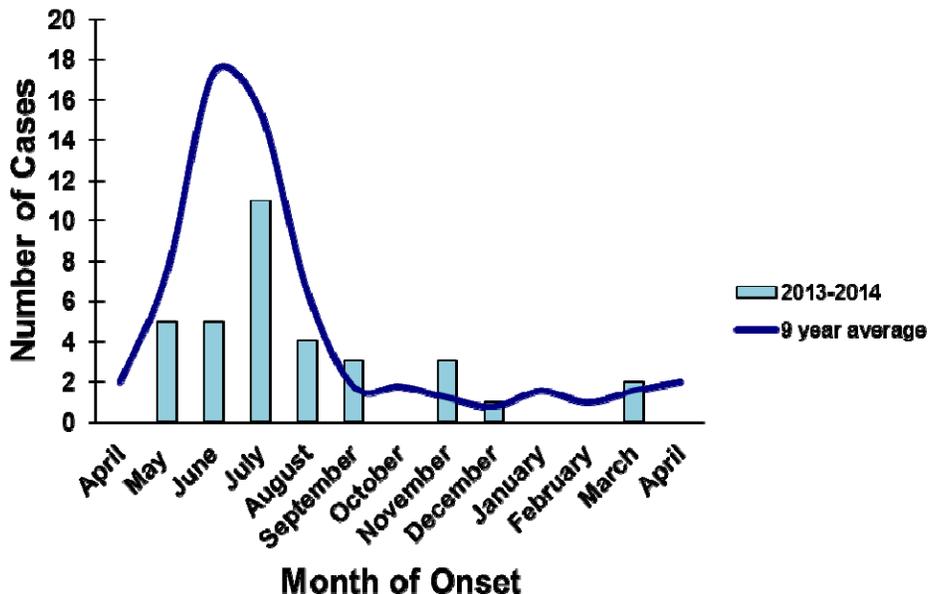
Four cases (57%) were diagnosed with *Plasmodium falciparum*. Two cases (29%) were diagnosed with *Plasmodium vivax*. One case (14%) was diagnosed with *Plasmodium malariae*.

Veterinary Cases*

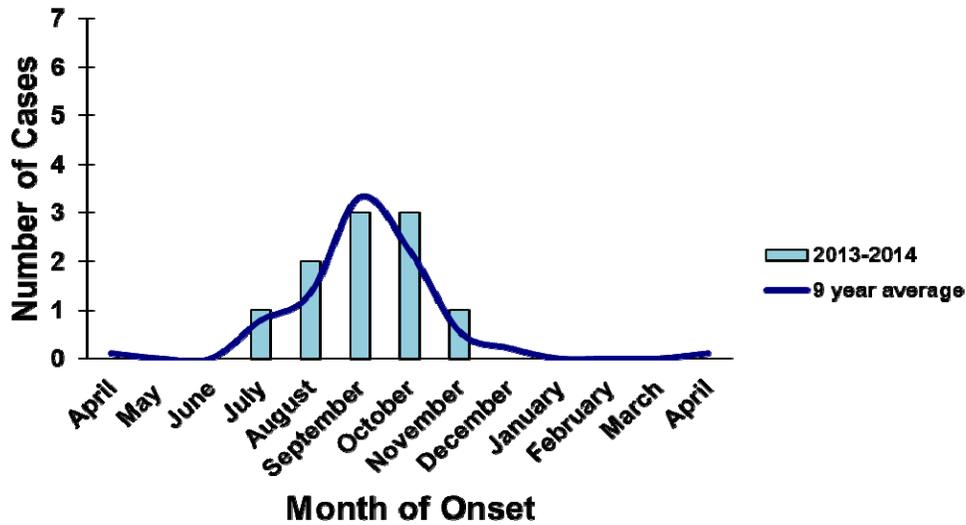
*Veterinary cases are reported by date of onset

County	Onset Date	Species	Virus	Status	County YTD
Volusia	3/19/14	Equine	EEEV	Died	1 EEEV

Veterinary EEE in Florida, April 2013-2014



Veterinary WNV Disease in Florida, April 2013-2014



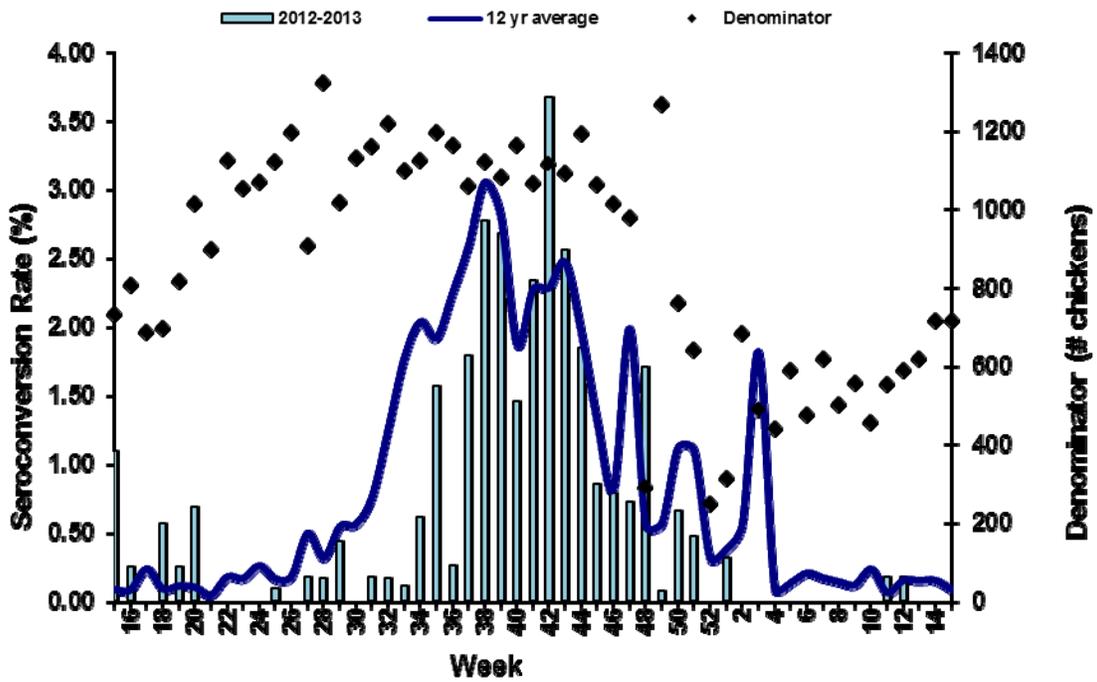
Sentinel Chickens

The table below is for the reporting of confirmatory laboratory results from this week. Some of the samples were collected at earlier dates. The date of collection is recorded for samples collected on that day along with the total number of positives and the corresponding seroconversion rate for the week the sample was collected.

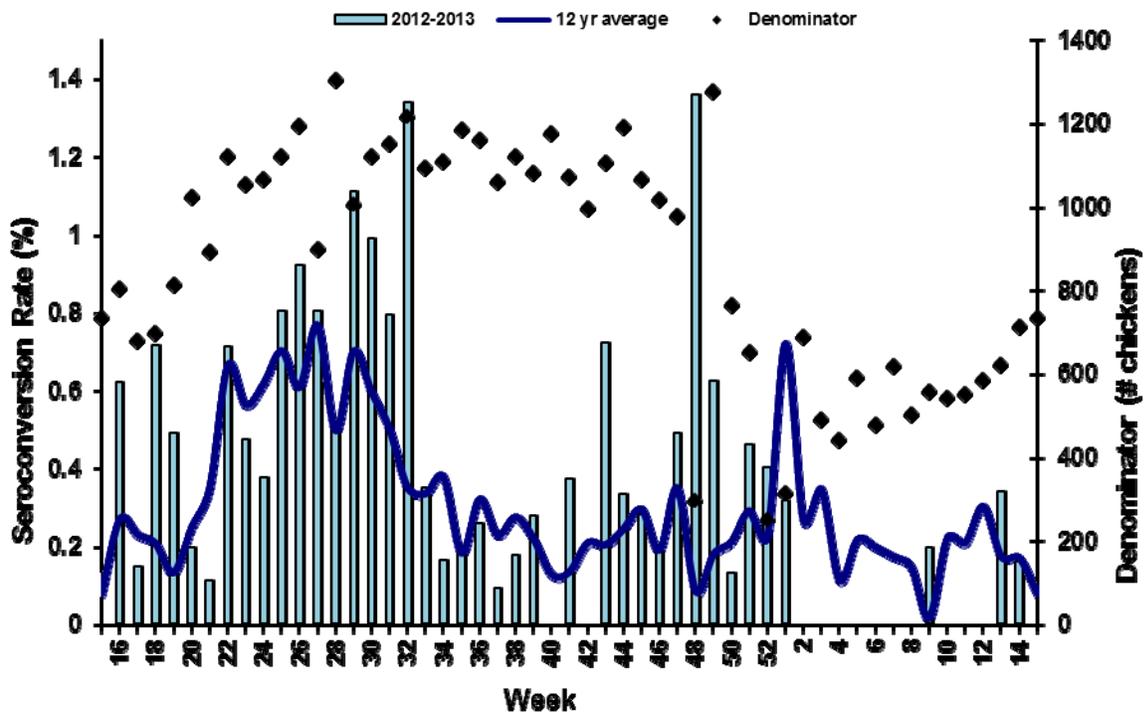
One sentinel chickens tested positive for antibodies to EEEV this week in Citrus County. Two sentinel chickens tested positive for antibodies to WNV this week in Hillsborough and Walton Counties. One sentinel chicken tested positive for antibodies to HJV this week in Walton County.

County	Collection Date	Seroconversion Rates (%)					County Totals		
		Flavi	SLEV	WNV	Alpha	EEEV	HJV	Collection Week	YTD
Citrus	03/31/14				1.43	1.43		1 EEE	2 HJV, 1 WNV, 3 EEEV
Hillsborough	03/18/14	1.18		1.18				1 WN	2 SLEV, 1 WNV
Walton	03/10/14	2.22		2.22				1 WN	2 EEEV, 2 HJV 1 WNV
	03/24/14				0.91		0.91	1 HJ	

Sentinel Seroconversions to WNV In Florida, 2013-2014



Sentinel Seroconversions to EEEV In Florida, 2013-2014



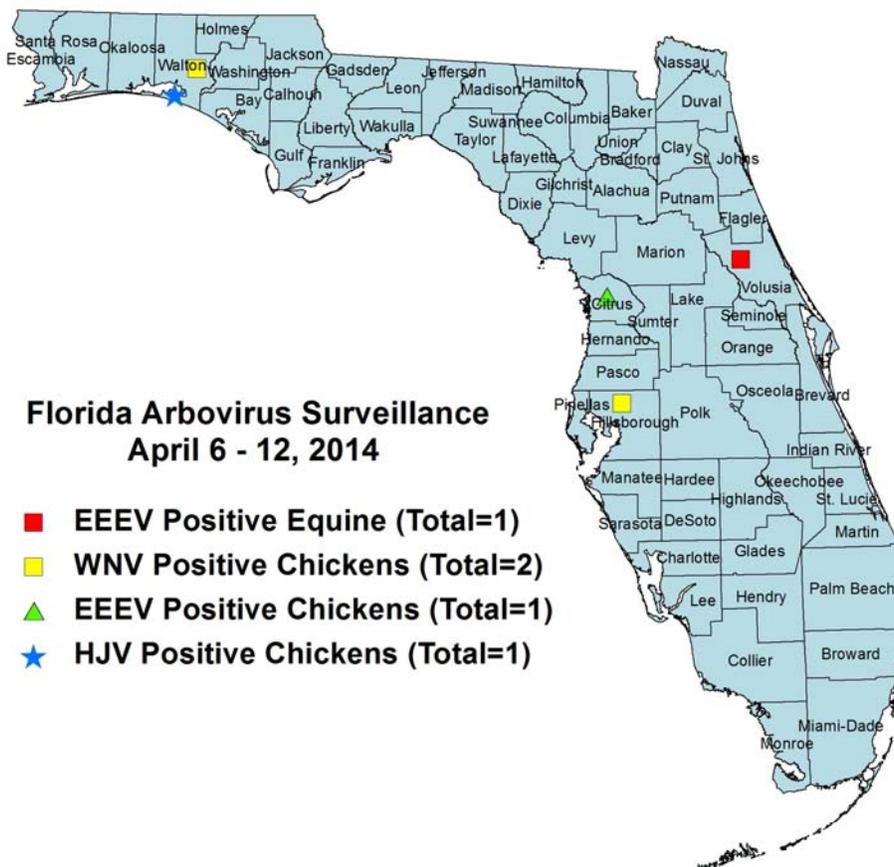
Dead Birds

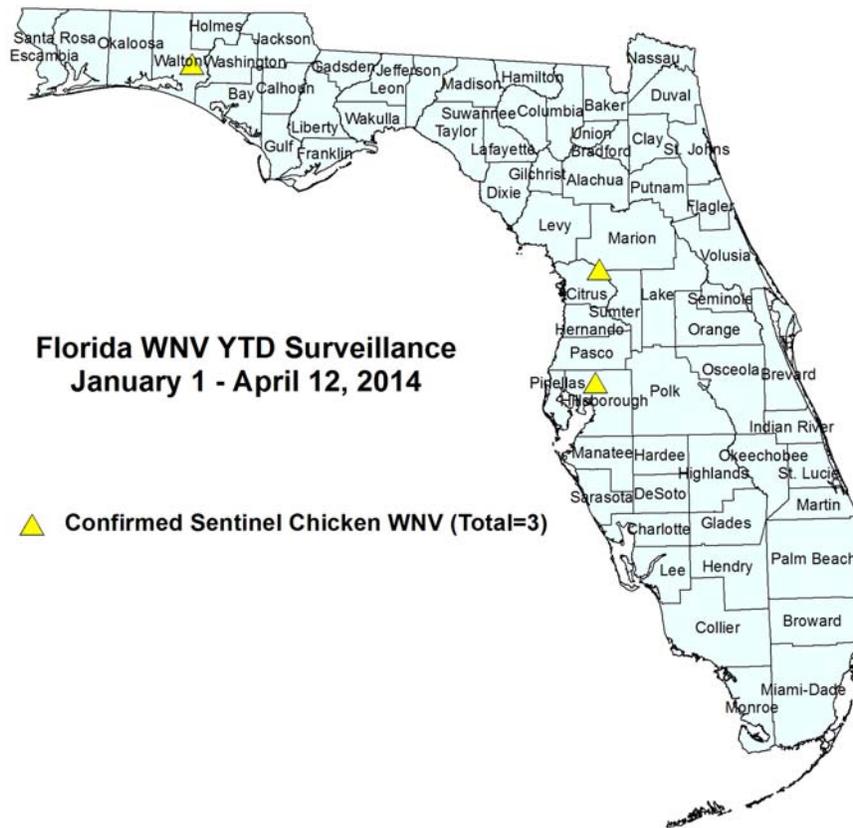
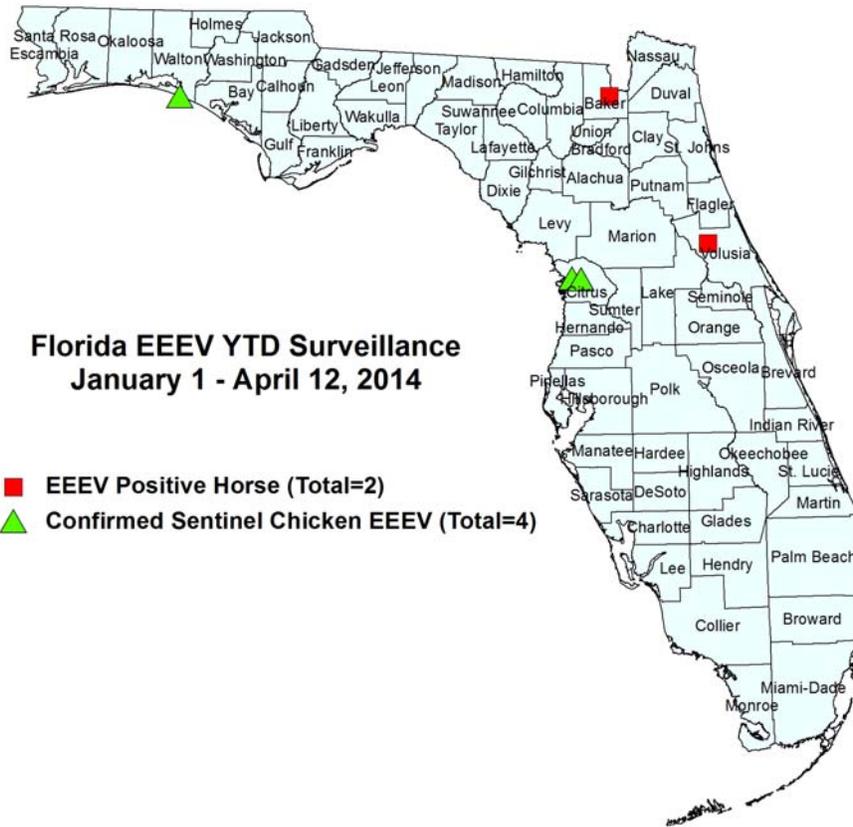
The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) collects reports of dead birds, which can be an indication of arbovirus circulation in an area. This week, 8 reports representing 16 dead birds, including 1 crow were received from 6 counties.

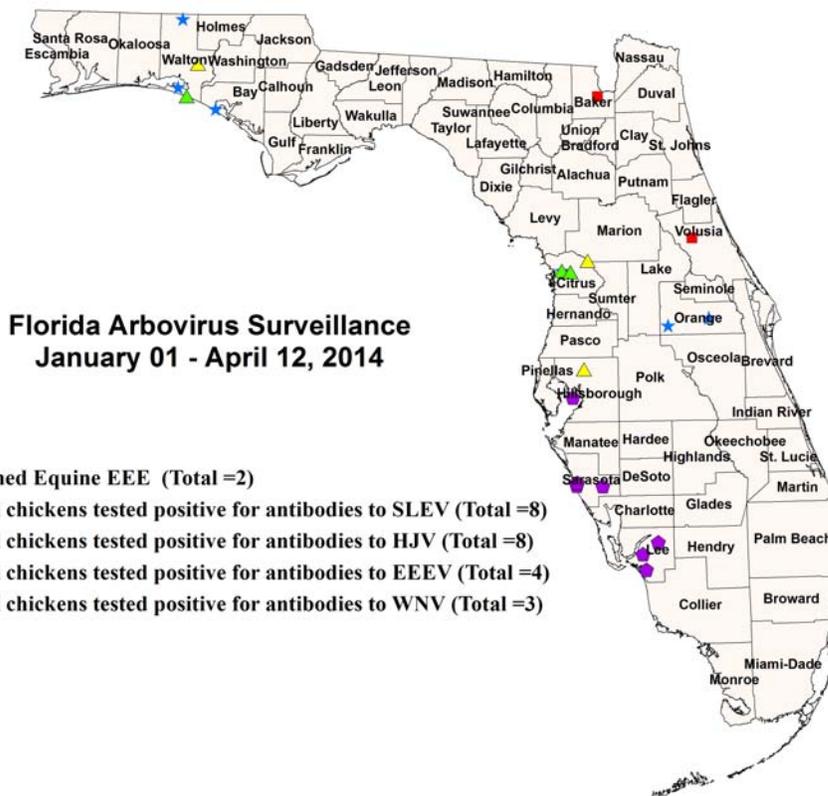
In 2014, 151 reports representing a total of 511 dead birds (10 crows, 1 jay, 25 raptors, and 12 doves) were received from 38 of Florida's 67 counties. Please note that FWC collects reports of birds that have died from a variety of causes, not only arboviruses. Dead birds should be reported to www.myfwc.com/bird/

County	Total Dead Birds	Crows	Jays	Raptors	Dove
Brevard	5	0	0	0	0
Clay	1	0	0	0	0
Manatee	1	1	0	0	0
Monroe	1	0	0	0	0
Okaloosa	6	0	0	0	0
Santa Rosa	2	0	0	0	0

Maps







2014 Arbovirus Activity by County

County	Arbovirus Activity
Bay	HJV: 1 sentinel (2/18)
Baker	EEEV: 1 horse (3/13)
Citrus	EEEV: 3 sentinels (3/24, 3/31) HJV: 2 sentinels (2/17, 2/24) WNV: 1 sentinel (1/2)
Hillsborough	SLEV: 2 sentinels (1/7, 2/18) WNV: 1 sentinel (3/18)
Lee	SLEV: 3 sentinels (1/13, 1/14, 2/11)
Orange	HJV: 3 sentinels (1/2, 2/17)
Sarasota	SLEV: 3 sentinels (2/6, 2/14, 2/28)
Walton	EEEV: 1 sentinel (2/24) HJV: 1 sentinel (3/24) WNV: 1 sentinel (3/10)
Volusia	EEE: 1 horse (3/19)

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For more surveillance information, please see the DOH website at:

<http://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/mosquito-borne-diseases/surveillance.html>

For arbovirus surveillance information for the United States, please see the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/surv&control.htm>

**Case tallies included in the weekly Florida arbovirus surveillance report include confirmed and probable cases for EEE, WNV infection, SLE, dengue, and malaria by date of onset. Suspect cases are not included. Activity is mapped by county of exposure rather than county of residence. Case definitions being used in Florida are consistent with national criteria provided by the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) and may be viewed at: <http://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/disease-reporting-and-management/disease-reporting-and-surveillance/index.html>

Case tallies reported by CDC do not include suspect cases and cases are reported by patient state of residence rather than where the exposure occurred. Data is provided by county health departments, Department of Health Bureau of Public Health Laboratories, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, mosquito control agencies, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, medical providers and veterinarians. Equine cases are provided by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.