



Florida Arbovirus Surveillance Week 18: April 30-May 6, 2017

Arbovirus surveillance in Florida includes endemic mosquito-borne viruses such as West Nile virus (WNV), Eastern equine encephalitis virus (EEEV), and St. Louis encephalitis virus (SLEV), as well as exotic viruses such as dengue virus (DENV), chikungunya virus (CHIKV) and California encephalitis group viruses (CEV). Malaria, a parasitic mosquito-borne disease is also included. During the period of April 30-May 6, 2017, the following arboviral activity was recorded in Florida.

[This report contains information for all arboviruses in 2017. For additional information on Zika virus cases from 2016, please visit <http://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/zika-virus/index.html>.](http://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/zika-virus/index.html)

WNV activity: No human cases of WNV infection were reported this week. No horses with WNV infection were reported this week. One sentinel chicken tested positive for antibodies to WNV this week in Walton County. In 2017, positive samples from seven sentinel chickens have been reported from three counties.

SLEV activity: No human cases of SLEV infection were reported this week. No sentinel chickens tested positive for antibodies to SLEV this week. In 2017, a positive sample from one sentinel chicken has been reported from one county.

EEEV activity: No human cases of EEEV infection were reported this week. No horses with EEEV infection were reported this week. Two sentinel chickens tested positive for antibodies to EEEV this week in Walton County. In 2017, there have been two positive samples reported from one county.

International Travel-Associated Dengue Fever Cases: No cases of dengue fever were reported this week in persons that had international travel. In 2017, one travel-associated case has been reported.

Dengue Fever Cases Acquired in Florida: No cases of locally acquired dengue fever were reported this week. In 2017, no cases of locally acquired dengue fever have been reported.

International Travel-Associated Chikungunya Fever Cases: No cases of chikungunya fever were reported this week in persons that had international travel. In 2017, one travel-associated case has been reported.

Chikungunya Fever Cases Acquired in Florida: No cases of locally acquired chikungunya fever were reported this week. In 2017, no cases of locally acquired chikungunya fever have been reported.

International Travel-Associated Zika Fever Cases: Seven cases of Zika fever was reported this week in persons that had international travel. In 2017, 40 cases have been reported.

Zika Fever Cases Acquired in Florida: In 2017, two cases of locally acquired Zika fever have been reported.

Advisories/Alerts: No counties are currently under mosquito-borne illness advisory or alert. Forty counties are currently under a declared public health emergency due to the identification of travel-associated Zika infections: Alachua, Bay, Brevard, Broward, Charlotte, Citrus, Clay, Collier, Duval, Escambia, Flagler, Franklin, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Indian River, Lake, Lee, Leon, Manatee, Marion, Martin, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Nassau, Okaloosa, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, St. Johns, St. Lucie, Santa Rosa, Sarasota, Seminole, Volusia, and Walton Counties.

There are no areas of ongoing, active Zika transmission in Florida. However, isolated local Zika cases continue to be identified in Miami-Dade County. CDC currently designates Miami-Dade County as a cautionary area and recommends that pregnant women should consider postponing travel to the county. For additional information on current CDC recommendations, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/zika/intheus/florida-update.html>. Zika zones were lifted in Wynwood (September 19), North Miami Beach (November 22), Little River (December 2), and South Miami Beach (December 9) after 45 days with no evidence of active Zika transmission.

There is a Level 2 (Alert) Travel Health Notice from the CDC for multiple countries in the Caribbean, Central and South America, Mexico, Cape Verde, Southeast Asia, and Pacific Islands related to Zika virus transmission and an association with poor pregnancy outcomes. Pregnant women should consider postponing travel to these areas. There is a Level 2 Travel Health Notice from the CDC for Brazil related to the transmission of Yellow Fever virus. There is a Level 1 (Watch) Travel Health Notice from the CDC for multiple countries in the Caribbean, Central and South America, and Mexico, related to the transmission of chikungunya virus. Additional information on travel health notices can be found at the following link: <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices>.

2017 Human Case Summary*

International Travel-Associated Chikungunya Fever Cases: One case of chikungunya with onset in 2017 has been reported in an individual with travel history to a chikungunya endemic country in the two weeks prior to onset. Country of origin was Brazil. The county reporting the case was Broward.

International Travel-Associated Dengue Fever Cases: One case of dengue with onset in 2017 has been reported in an individual with travel history to a dengue endemic country in the two weeks prior to onset. Country of origin was Nigeria. The county reporting the case was Miami-Dade.

International Travel-Associated Zika Fever Cases: In 2017, forty cases of Zika fever have been reported in individuals with travel history to a country or area experiencing Zika virus activity. Countries of origin were: Barbados, Barbados/Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands/St. Martin, Costa Rica, Cuba (5), Curacao (3), Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala (2), Haiti (10), Honduras (3), Jamaica (2), Mexico, Panama, Puerto Rico (2), Saint Kitts and Nevis, Venezuela (2), and multiple countries/regions (2). Counties reporting cases were: Broward (12), Collier (2), Flagler, Franklin, Hillsborough (3), Marion, Miami-Dade (12), Monroe, Orange, Palm Beach (3), Polk, St. Johns, and Walton. Seven cases were reported in non-Florida residents. Florida is monitoring a total of 29 pregnant women in 2017.

Zika Virus Infections Acquired in Florida: In 2017, two locally acquired Zika virus infections have been reported by Miami-Dade County. In addition, seven individuals reported travel in 2016 to both Florida and countries with widespread Zika virus transmission and exposure location could not definitively be determined.

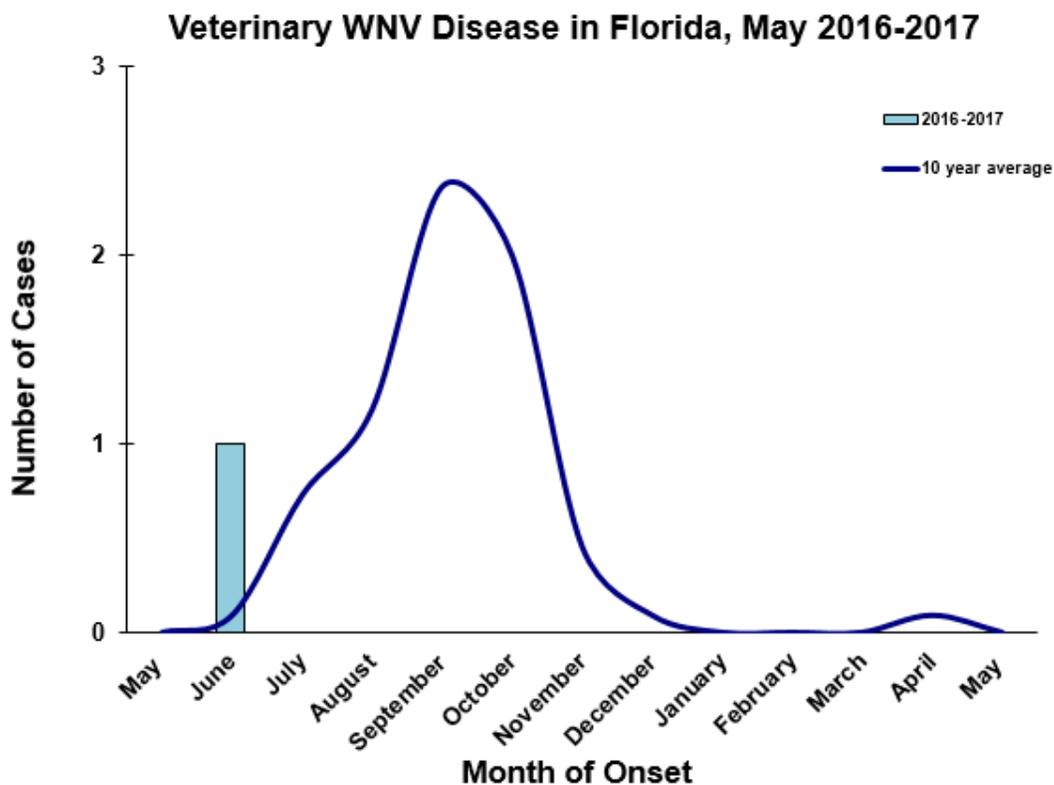
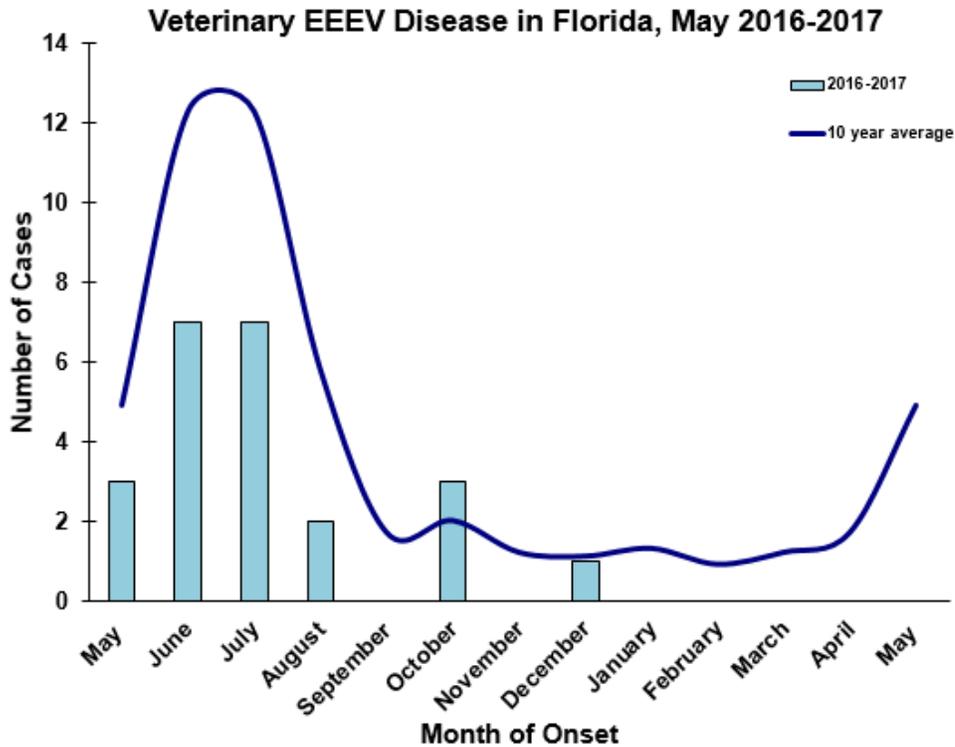
International Travel-Associated Malaria Cases: Fifteen cases of malaria with onset in 2017 have been reported. Countries of origin were Brazil, Cameroon (2), Ethiopia/Malawi, Ghana, Ghana/Liberia, Guatemala, Haiti (2), Indonesia, Togo, Uganda (3) and Venezuela. Counties reporting cases were Brevard, Broward, Escambia, Hillsborough, Leon (3), Miami-Dade (4), Monroe, Orange (2), and Palm Beach. One case was reported in a non-Florida resident.

Seven cases (47%) were diagnosed with *Plasmodium falciparum*. Five cases (33%) were diagnosed with *Plasmodium vivax*. Two cases (13%) were diagnosed with *Plasmodium malariae*. One case (7%) was diagnosed with both *Plasmodium malariae* and *Plasmodium ovale*.

Veterinary Cases*

*Veterinary cases are reported by date of onset

No horses with EEEV or WNV infection were reported this week.



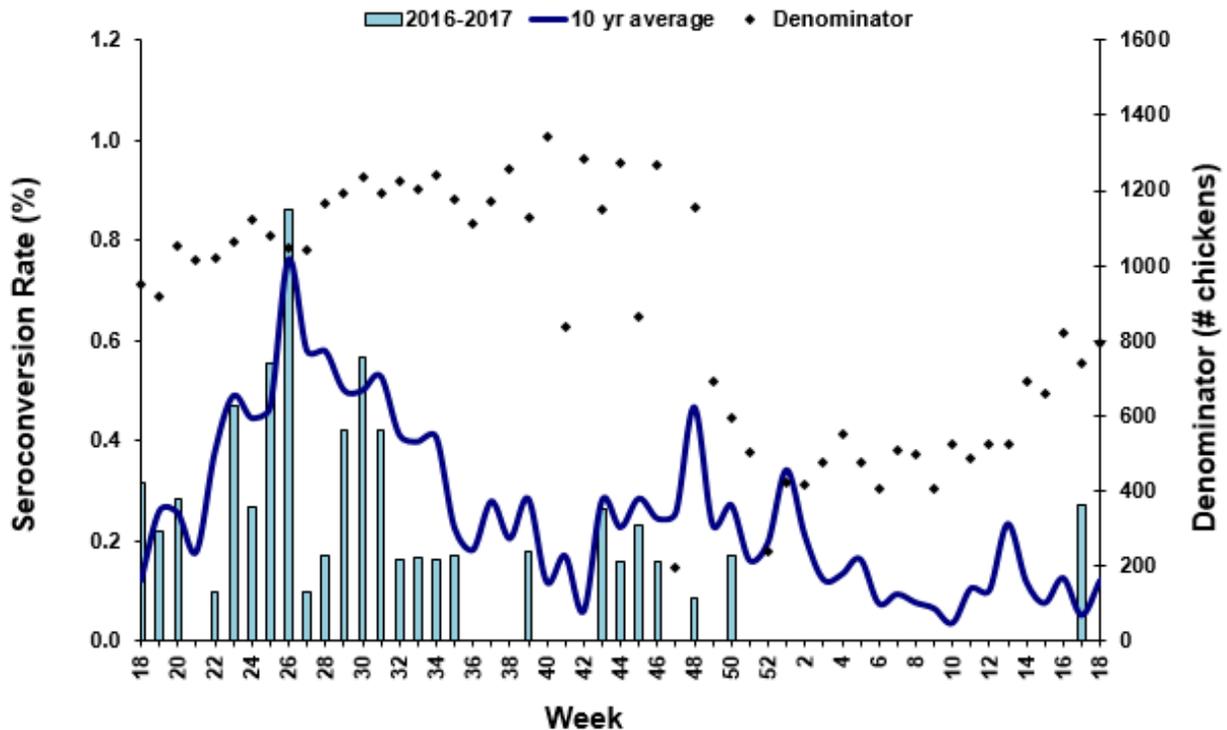
Sentinel Chickens*

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.

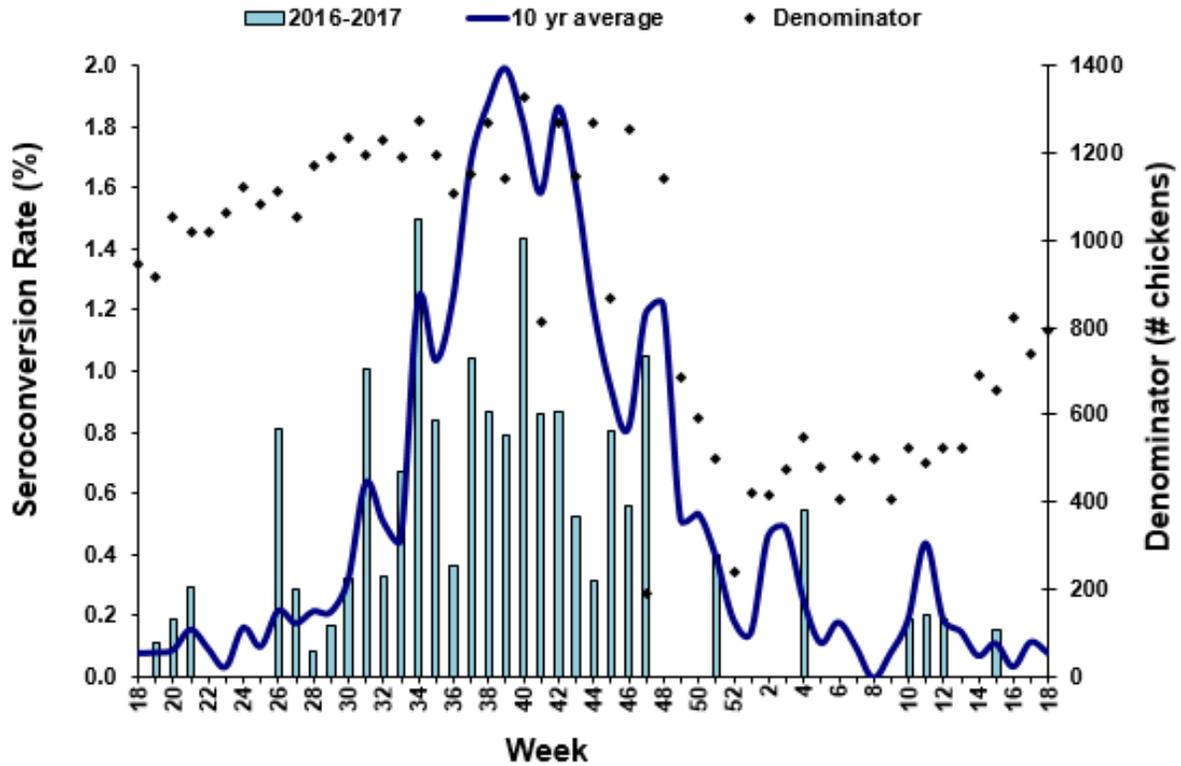
One sentinel chicken tested positive for antibodies to WNV and two chickens tested positive for antibodies to EEEV this week in Walton County.

County	Collection Date	Seroconversion Rates (%)					County Totals		
		Flavi	SLEV	WNV	Alpha	EEEV	HJV	Collection Week	YTD
Walton	4/13/17	2.27		2.27				1 WNV	4 WNV, 2 EEEV
	4/24/17				3.13	3.13		2 EEEV	

Sentinel Seroconversions to EEEV in Florida, 2016-2017



Sentinel Seroconversions to WNV in Florida, 2016-2017



Mosquito Pools

No mosquito pools tested positive for EEEV, WNV, or Zika this week.

County	Collection Week	Result	Species	County YTD

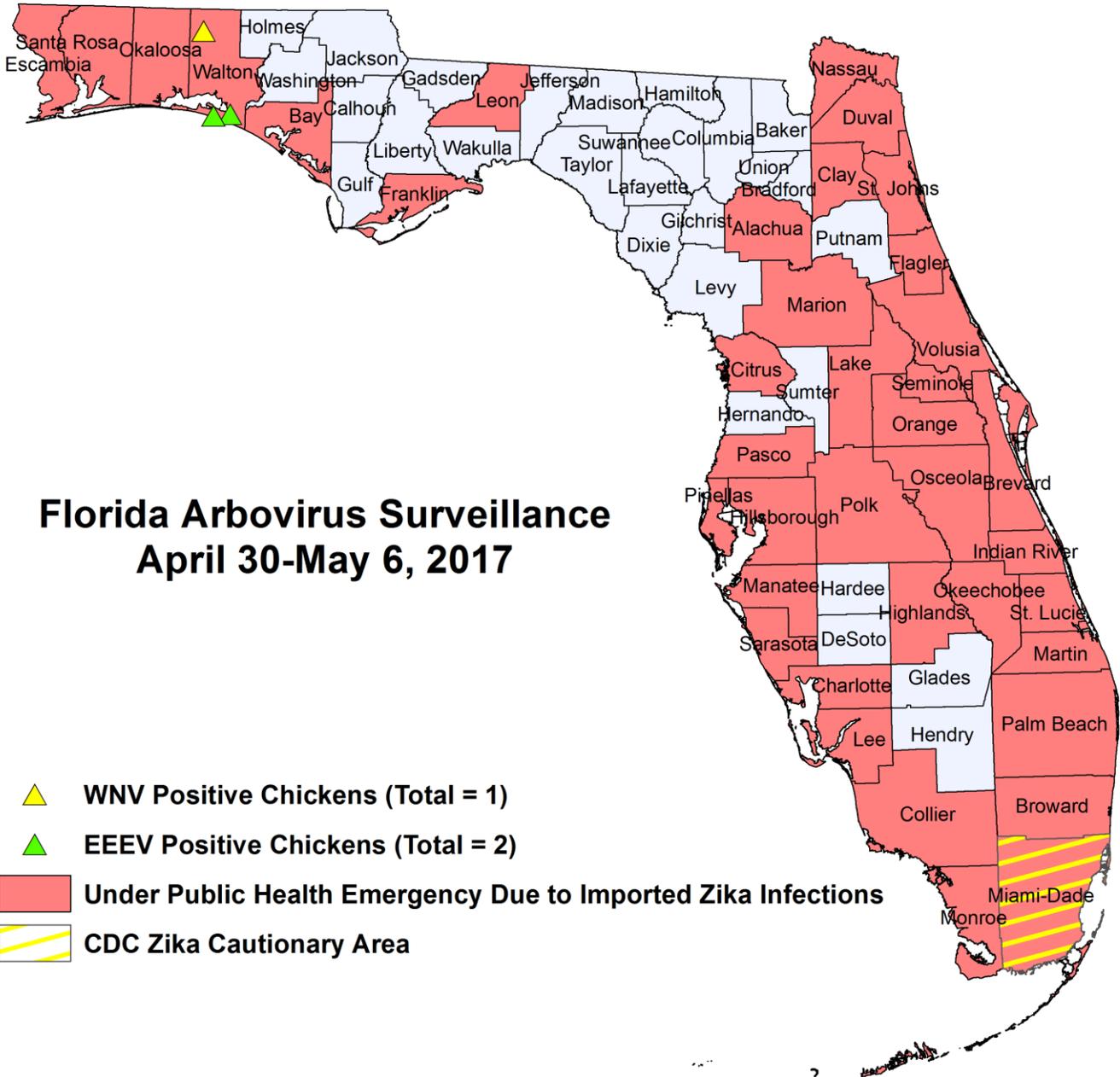
Dead Birds

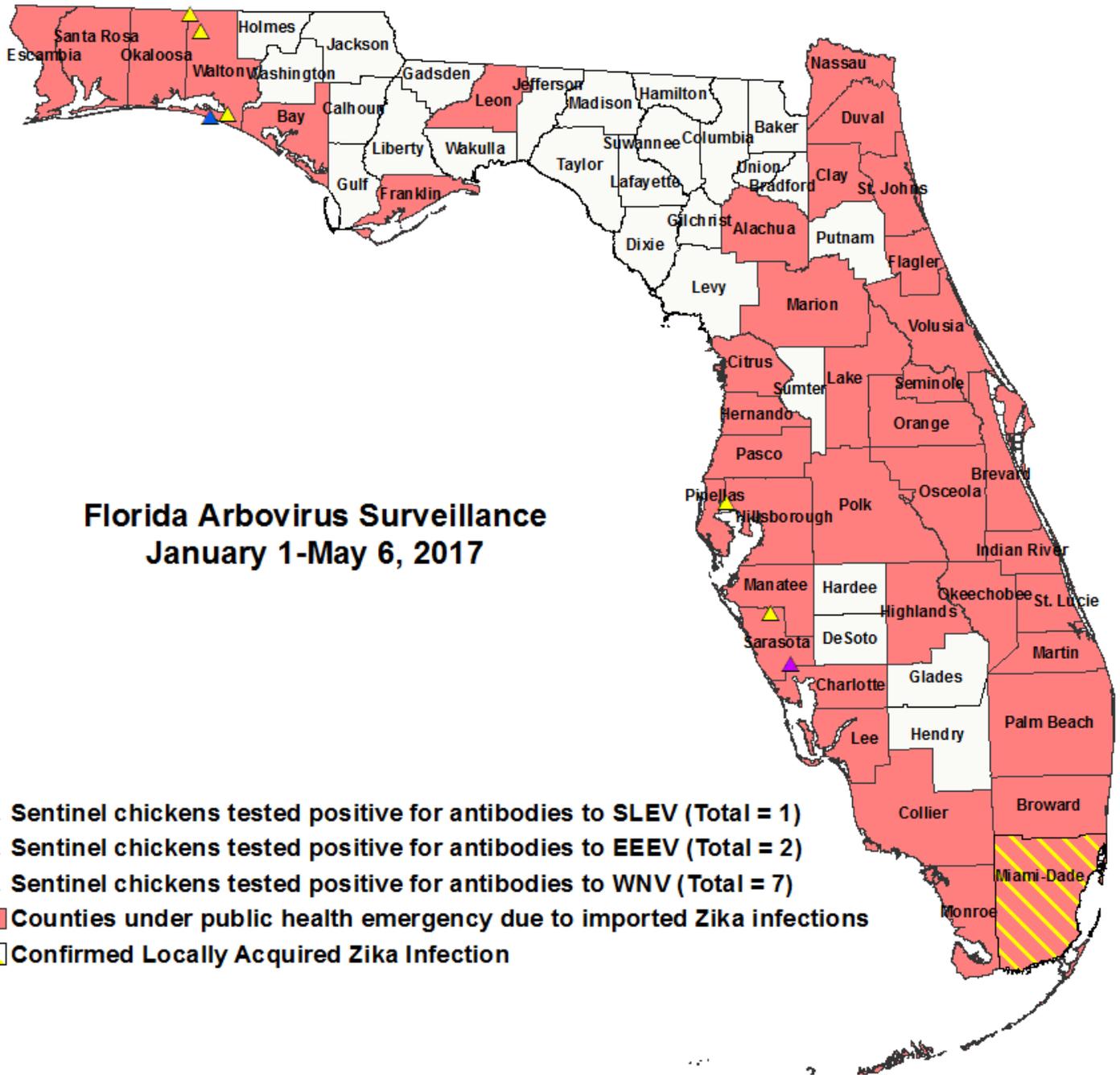
The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) collects reports of dead birds, which can be an indication of arbovirus circulation in an area. This week, 7 reports representing a total of 12 dead birds, including three raptors and one crow, were received from 7 counties.

In 2017, 208 reports representing a total of 481 dead birds (16 crows, 0 jays, 45 raptors, and 3 doves) were received from 50 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
Columbia	1	0	0	0	0
Dixie	1	0	0	0	0
Hillsborough	2	0	0	0	0
Palm Beach	2	0	0	2	0
Pasco	2	1	0	1	0
Sarasota	1	0	0	0	0
Wakulla	3	0	0	0	0

Maps





2017 Arbovirus Activity by County	
County	Arbovirus Activity
Hillsborough	WNV: 1 sentinel (1/24)
Sarasota	WNV: 2 sentinels (1/23) SLEV: 1 sentinel (1/20)
Walton	WNV: 4 sentinels (3/7, 3/14, 3/20, 4/13) EEEV: 2 sentinels (4/24)

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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, chikungunya, 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.