



## Florida Arbovirus Surveillance Week 21: May 17-23, 2020

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), Zika virus (ZIKV), and California encephalitis group viruses (CEV). Malaria, a parasitic mosquito-borne disease is also included. During the period of May 17-23, 2020, the following arboviral activity was recorded in Florida.

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**WNV activity:** No human cases of WNV infection were reported this week. No horses with WNV infection were reported this week. In 2020, one blood donor and 34 sentinel chickens have been reported from nine counties.

**SLEV activity:** No human cases of SLEV infection were reported this week. In 2020, no positive samples have been reported.

**EEEV activity:** No human cases of EEEV infection were reported this week. No horses with EEEV infection were reported this week. In 2020, 12 sentinel chickens, three horses, and one mosquito pool have been reported from six counties.

**International Travel-Associated Dengue Fever Cases:** One case of dengue fever was reported this week in a person that had international travel. In 2020, 27 travel-associated cases have been reported.

**Dengue Fever Cases Acquired in Florida:** No cases of locally acquired dengue fever were reported this week. In 2020, two cases of locally acquired dengue fever have been reported from two counties.

**International Travel-Associated Chikungunya Fever Cases:** No cases of chikungunya fever were reported this week in persons that had international travel. In 2020, no travel-associated chikungunya fever cases have been reported.

**Chikungunya Fever Cases Acquired in Florida:** No cases of locally acquired chikungunya fever were reported this week. In 2020, no cases of locally acquired chikungunya fever have been reported.

**International Travel-Associated Zika Fever Cases:** No cases of Zika fever were reported this week in persons that had international travel. In 2020, no travel-associated Zika fever cases have been reported.

**Zika Fever Cases Acquired in Florida:** No cases of locally acquired Zika fever were reported this week. In 2020, no cases of locally acquired Zika fever have been reported.

**Advisories/Alerts:** Monroe County is currently under a mosquito-borne illness advisory. Miami-Dade County is currently under a mosquito-borne illness alert. No other counties are currently under mosquito-borne illness advisory or alert.

There is a Level 2 Travel Health Notice for Nigeria related to the transmission of yellow fever virus. A Level 1 Travel Health Notice has been issued for Ethiopia related to the transmission of yellow fever and chikungunya viruses. There are also Level 1 Travel Health Notices for Central and South America, Mexico, the Caribbean, Asia, the Pacific Islands, Africa, and the Middle East related to the transmission of dengue virus, and for

Burundi related to malaria transmission. Additional information on travel health notices can be found at the following link: [wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices](http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices). For a map of arboviral disease activity in the United States visit: [www.cdc.gov/arbovet/maps/ADB\\_Diseases\\_Map/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/arbovet/maps/ADB_Diseases_Map/index.html).

**2020 Human Case Summary\***

**West Nile Virus Illnesses Acquired in Florida:** One asymptomatic positive blood donor has been reported in 2020 from Miami-Dade County (May).

**International Travel-Associated Dengue Fever Cases:** Twenty-seven cases of dengue fever with onset in 2020 have been reported in individuals with travel history to a dengue endemic area in the two weeks prior to onset. Counties reporting cases were: Brevard, Broward (5), Collier, Duval, Franklin, Hillsborough (3), Miami-Dade (10), Orange, Palm Beach, Sarasota, Seminole, and St. Lucie. Four cases were reported in non-Florida residents. In 2020, seventeen cases of dengue reported in Florida have been serotyped by PCR. Please see the table below for a breakdown of cases by country of origin and serotype.

Country of Exposure	DENV-1	DENV-2	DENV-3	DENV-4	DENV-1/ DENV-3	Unknown	Total
Cuba	2	1				1	4
Jamaica			3		1		4
Bolivia	1					3	4
Colombia	2						2
Dominican Republic	2						2
Bahamas	1						1
Brazil		1					1
Indonesia						1	1
Mexico						1	1
Nicaragua		1					1
Paraguay				1		1	2
Puerto Rico						2	2
Puerto Rico/US Virgin Islands	1						1
US Virgin Islands						1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>27</b>

**Dengue Fever Cases Acquired in Florida:** In 2020, two cases of locally acquired dengue fever have been reported in Miami-Dade and Monroe counties, with onsets in February and March. One case was reported in a non-Florida resident.

**International Travel-Associated Malaria Cases:** Six cases of malaria with onset in 2020 have been reported. Countries of origin were: Cameroon, Dominican Republic, Kenya, Nicaragua, Nigeria, and Uganda. Counties reporting cases were: Broward, Miami-Dade (2), Orange, Palm Beach, and Polk. Two cases were reported in non-Florida residents.

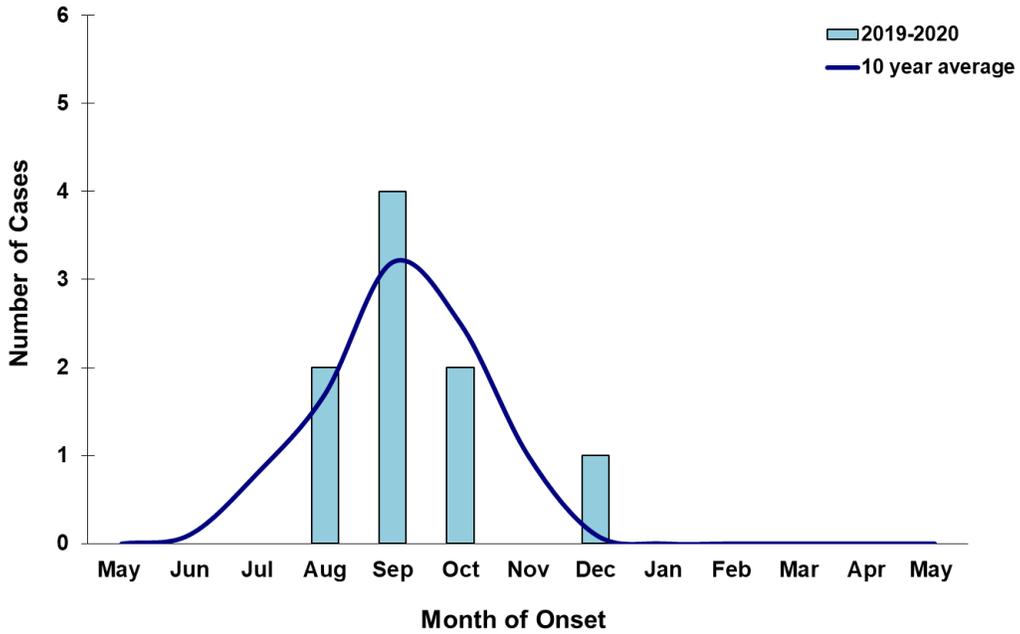
Five cases (83%) were diagnosed with *Plasmodium falciparum*. One case (17%) was diagnosed with *Plasmodium vivax*.

## Veterinary Cases\*

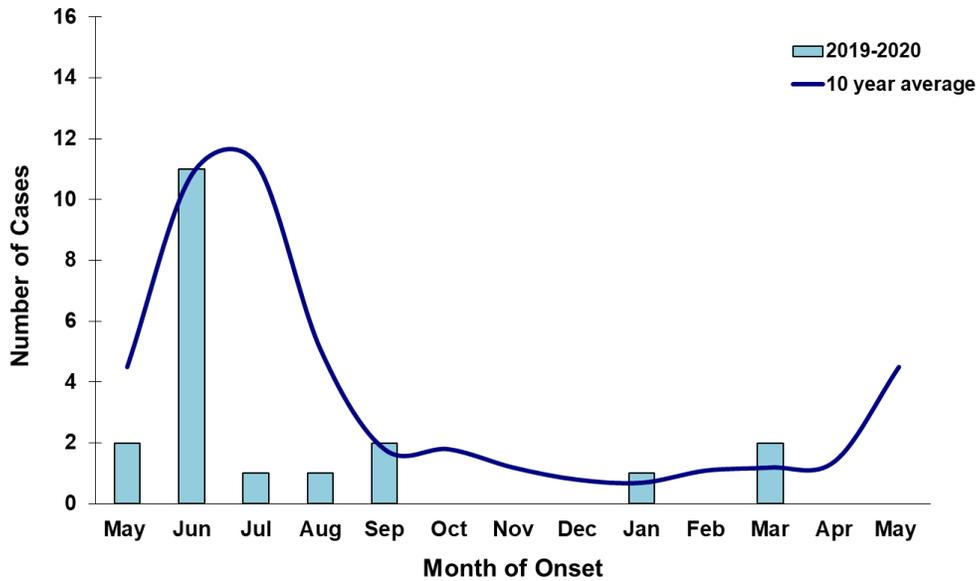
\*Veterinary cases are reported by date of onset. Only mammalian veterinary cases are included in the graphs.

No veterinary cases were reported this week.

### Veterinary WNV Disease in Florida, May 2019-2020



### Veterinary EEEV Disease in Florida, May 2019-2020

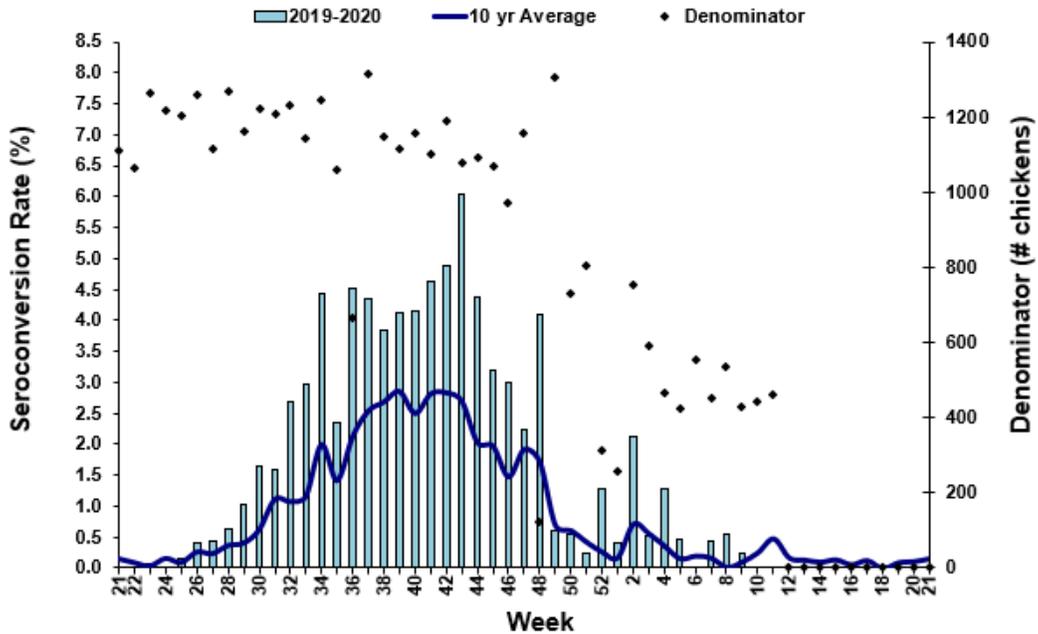


## Sentinel Chickens\*

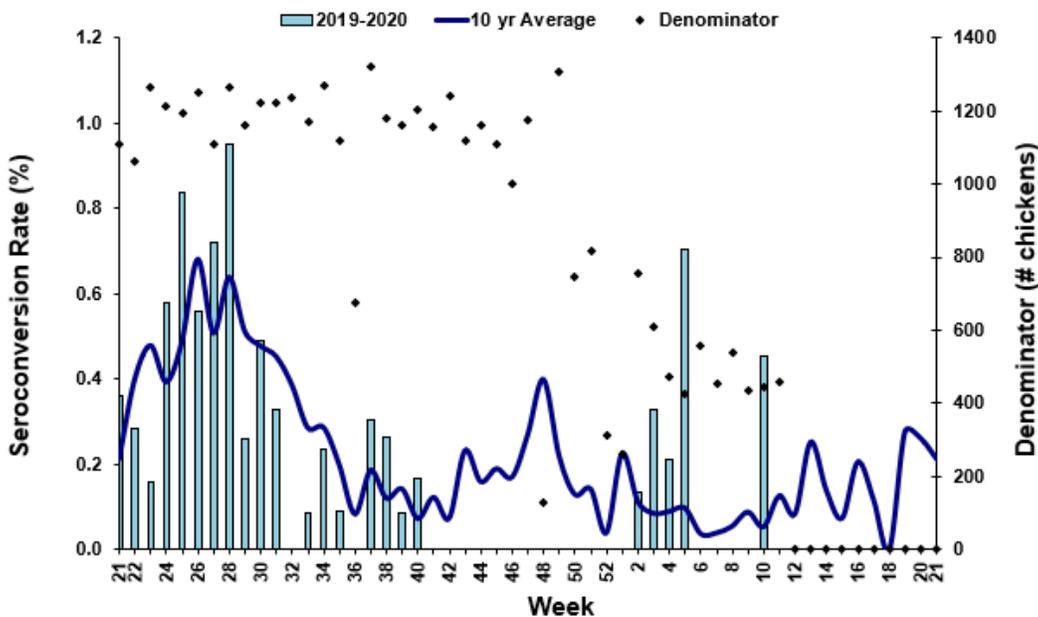
The table below is for the reporting of confirmatory laboratory results from this week. Some of the samples were collected at earlier dates. The date of collection is recorded for samples collected on that day along with the total number of positives and the corresponding seroconversion rate for the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

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**Sentinel Seroconversions to WNV in Florida, 2019-2020**



**Sentinel Seroconversions to EEEV in Florida, 2019-2020**



## Mosquito Pools

Due to increased testing needs in response to COVID-19, the Florida Department of Health is temporarily suspending testing of mosquito pools. There will be no mosquito pool test results posted until testing is reinstated.

## Dead Birds

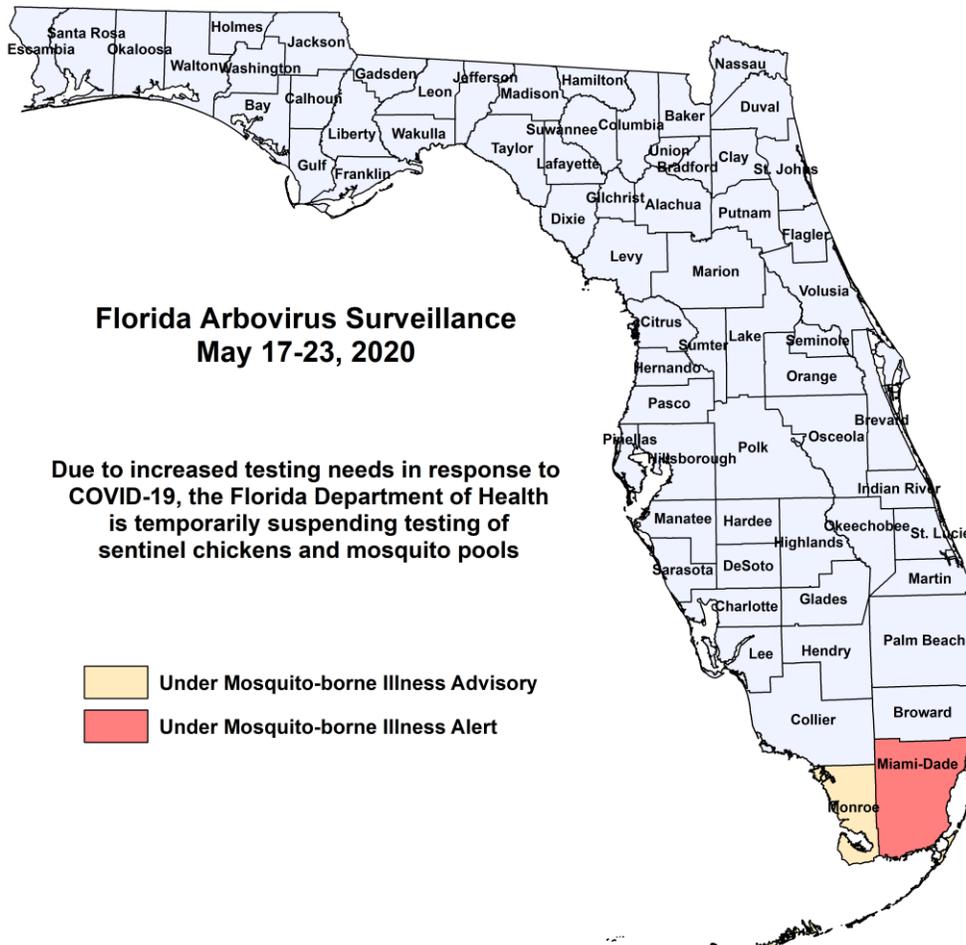
The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) collects reports of dead birds, which can be an indication of arbovirus circulation in an area. This week, six reports representing a total of six dead birds, including two crows, one jay, and two raptors, were received from five counties.

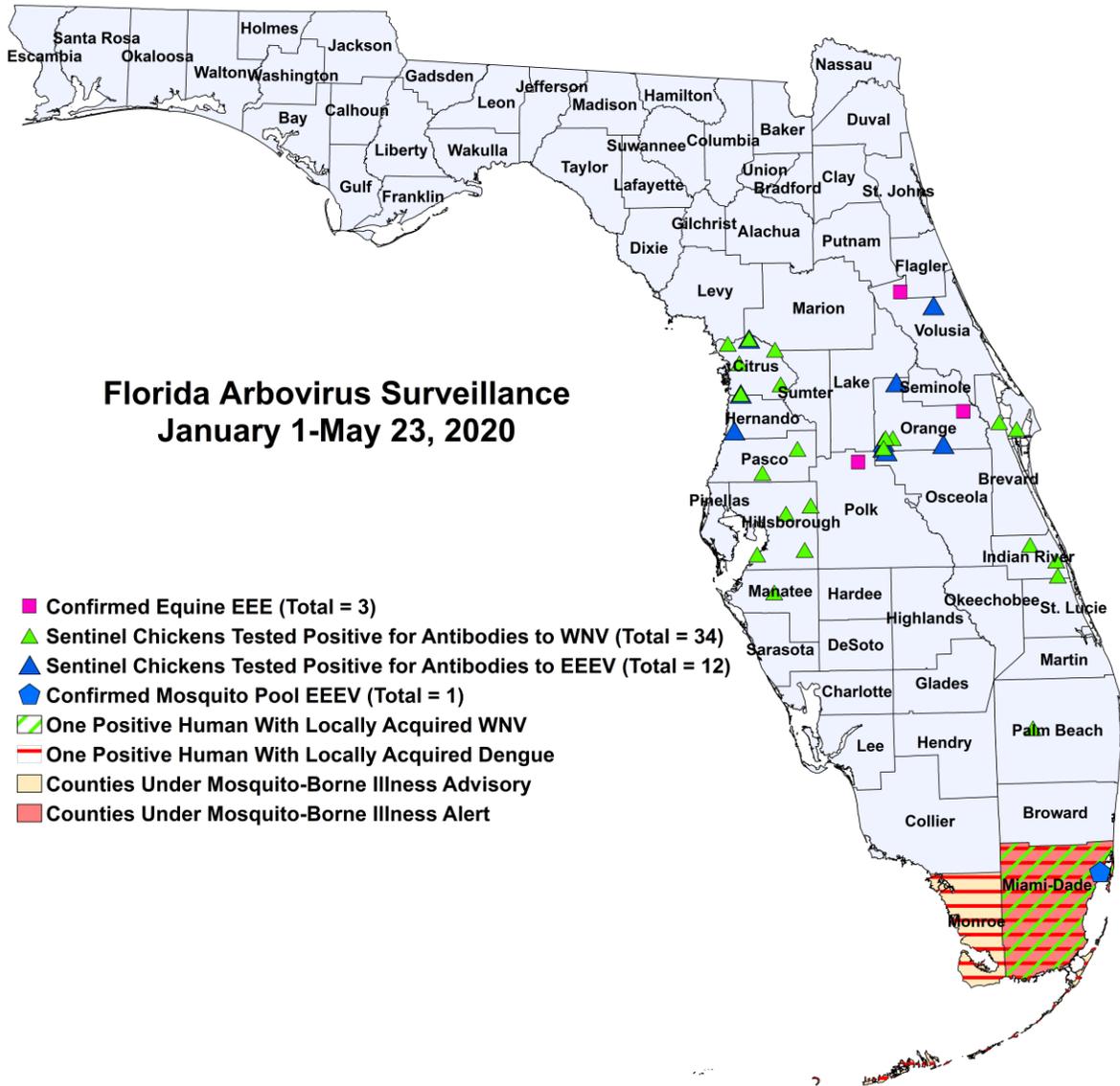
In 2020, 191 reports representing a total of 495 dead birds (35 crows, 16 jays, 47 raptors, 22 doves) were received from 38 of Florida's 67 counties.

### 2020

County	Total Dead Birds	Crows	Jays	Raptors	Doves
Citrus	1	1	0	0	0
Hillsborough	1	0	1	0	0
Lee	2	0	0	2	0
Monroe	1	0	0	0	0
Pinellas	1	1	0	0	0

## Maps





**Florida Arbovirus Surveillance  
January 1-May 23, 2020**

- Confirmed Equine EEE (Total = 3)
- ▲ Sentinel Chickens Tested Positive for Antibodies to WNV (Total = 34)
- ▲ Sentinel Chickens Tested Positive for Antibodies to EEEV (Total = 12)
- ⬠ Confirmed Mosquito Pool EEEV (Total = 1)
- ▨ One Positive Human With Locally Acquired WNV
- ▨ One Positive Human With Locally Acquired Dengue
- ▭ Counties Under Mosquito-Borne Illness Advisory
- ▭ Counties Under Mosquito-Borne Illness Alert

2020 Arbovirus Activity by County	
County	Arbovirus Activity
Brevard	WNV: 2 sentinels (1/23, 1/24)
Citrus	WNV: 8 sentinels (1/8, 1/14, 1/21) EEEV: 2 sentinels (1/8, 3/2)
Hernando	EEEV: 1 sentinel (1/21)
Hillsborough	WNV: 12 sentinels (1/6, 1/21, 1/29, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25)
Indian River	WNV: 3 sentinels (1/2, 1/9, 1/10)
Manatee	WNV: 3 sentinels (1/8)
Miami-Dade	WNV: 1 asymptomatic blood donor (May) EEEV: 1 mosquito pool (1/7) Dengue: 1 human (March)
Monroe	Dengue: 1 human (February)
Orange	WNV: 3 sentinels (1/6) EEEV: 1 horse (3/25), 8 sentinels (1/13, 1/27, 1/28, 2/24, 3/2)
Palm Beach	WNV: 1 sentinel (1/20)
Pasco	WNV: 2 sentinels (1/7)
Polk	EEEV: 1 horse (3/29)
Volusia	EEEV: 1 horse (1/24), 1 sentinel (2/24)

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**For more surveillance information, please see the DOH website at:** [www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/mosquito-borne-diseases/surveillance.html](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:** [www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/surv&control.htm](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: [www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/disease-reporting-and-management/disease-reporting-and-surveillance/index.html](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.