



Florida Arbovirus Surveillance Week 35: August 28-September 3, 2022

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 August 28-September 3, 2022, the following arboviral activity was recorded in Florida.

WNV activity: No human cases of WNV infection were reported this week. One horse with WNV infection was reported this week in Collier County. Fifteen sentinel chickens tested positive for antibodies to WNV this week in Charlotte, Hillsborough, Lee, Manatee, Seminole, and Walton counties. No mosquito pools tested positive for WNV this week. In 2022, positive samples from one human, one horse, 112 sentinel chickens and two mosquito pools have been reported from 17 counties.

SLEV activity: No human cases of SLEV infection were reported this week. One sentinel chicken tested positive for antibodies to SLEV this week in Seminole County. In 2022, three positive samples have been reported from three counties.

Flavivirus (WNV or SLEV)* activity: Five sentinel chickens tested positive for antibodies to a flavivirus this week in Charlotte, Leon, and Walton counties. In 2022, positive samples from 11 sentinel chickens have been reported from seven counties.

EEEV activity: No human cases of EEEV infection were reported this week. No horses with EEEV infection were reported this week. No sentinel chickens tested positive for antibodies to EEEV this week. In 2022, positive samples from 55 sentinel chickens and nine horses have been reported from 22 counties.

International Travel-Associated Dengue: Sixty-three cases of dengue were reported this week in persons that had international travel. In 2022, 313 travel-associated dengue cases have been reported.

Dengue Cases Acquired in Florida: Six cases of locally acquired dengue were reported this week in Miami-Dade County. In 2022, 14 cases of locally acquired dengue 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 2022, 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 2022, 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 2022, 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 2022, no cases of locally acquired Zika fever have been reported.

Advisories/Alerts: Miami-Dade County is currently under a mosquito-borne illness alert. Bay, Charlotte, Collier, Lee, Osceola, Pinellas, Sarasota, and Volusia counties are currently under a mosquito-borne illness advisory. No other counties are currently under a mosquito-borne illness advisory or alert.

There are currently multiple travel health notices from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention related to mosquito-borne diseases.

Dengue			Yellow Fever
Africa and the Middle East	Americas	Asia and the Pacific Islands	Africa and the Middle East
São Tomé and Príncipe	Colombia	Afghanistan	Ghana
	Cuba	Bangladesh	Kenya
	Dominican Republic	India	Nigeria
	El Salvador	Laos	
	Guatemala	Malaysia	
	Honduras	Myanmar (Burma)	
	Nicaragua	Pakistan	
	Panama	Philippines	
	Peru	Singapore	
		Sri Lanka	
		Vietnam	

Level 1 Travel Health Notice, Level 2 Travel Health Alert: 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.

2022 Human Case Summary

West Nile Virus Illnesses Acquired in Florida: One human case of WNV illness acquired in Florida has been reported in 2022 from Volusia County (July).

International Travel-Associated Dengue Cases: Three hundred and thirteen cases with onset in 2022 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 (22), Collier, Duval (6), Escambia (2), Hendry, Hernando, Hillsborough (23), Lee (14), Manatee (2), Miami-Dade (202), Monroe (3), Orange (6), Osceola, Palm Beach (10), Pinellas (5), Polk (6), Sarasota (2), St. Johns, and St. Lucie (4). Four cases were reported in non-Florida residents. Two cases met the criteria for severe dengue (dengue shock syndrome [DSS] or dengue hemorrhagic fever [DHF]). Those at greater risk for DSS and DHF include persons with previous dengue infection, pregnant women, infants, the elderly, and those with co-morbidities. However, severe illness can also occur in those without any of these risk factors. In 2022, 271 cases of dengue reported in Florida have been serotyped by PCR. Please see the table below for a breakdown of case by country of origin and serotype.

Country of Exposure	DENV-1	DENV-2	DENV-3	DENV-4	DENV-1/DENV-2	Unknown	Total
Brazil	5					2	7
Caribbean			1				1
Colombia	2						2
Costa Rica	1					1	2
Cuba	27	57	141	20	1	38	284
Cuba/Central America	1						1
Dominican Republic		2					2
El Salvador	1						1
Guatemala	1	1					2
Honduras				1		1	2
India		2					2
Mexico	2	2					4
Panama	1						1
Puerto Rico	1						1
Sri Lanka			1				1
Total	42	64	143	21	1	42	313

Dengue Cases Acquired in Florida: In 2022, 14 cases of locally acquired dengue have been reported in Collier and Miami-Dade counties (13), with onsets in June, July (5), and August (8).

International Travel-Associated Malaria Cases: Thirty-six cases of malaria with onset in 2022 have been reported. Countries of origin were: Brazil (3), Cameroon, Central African Republic, Côte D'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Equatorial Guinea, Ghana (3), Guinea, India, Kenya, multiple countries (2), Nicaragua (3), Nigeria (10), Sierra Leone (2), Sudan, Uganda (2), Venezuela and Zambia. Counties reporting cases were: Brevard, Broward (7), Duval (5), Flagler, Hillsborough (4), Lee (4), Leon, Miami-Dade (2), Orange (4), Palm Beach (3), Pasco, Pinellas, Santa Rosa, and St. Johns. Five cases were reported in non-Florida residents.

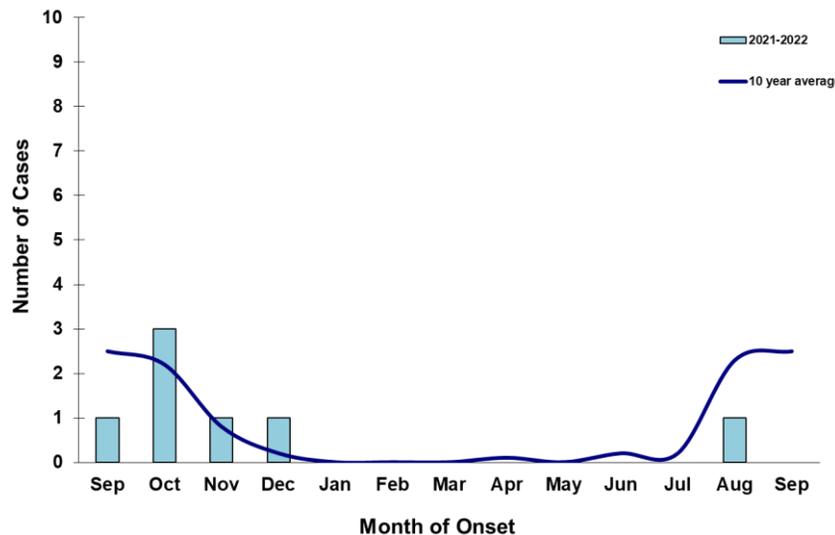
Twenty-one cases (59%) were diagnosed with *Plasmodium falciparum*. Twelve cases (33%) were diagnosed with *Plasmodium vivax*. Three cases (8%) were diagnosed with *Plasmodium malariae*.

Veterinary Cases**

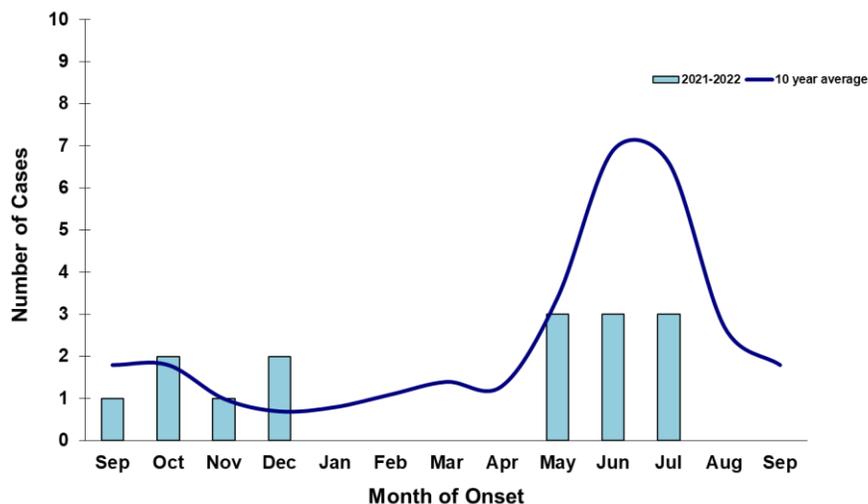
**Veterinary cases are reported by date of onset. Only mammalian veterinary cases are included in the graphs.

One horse with WNV infection was reported this week in Collier County.

Veterinary WNV Disease in Florida, September 2021-2022



Veterinary EEEV Disease in Florida, September 2021-2022



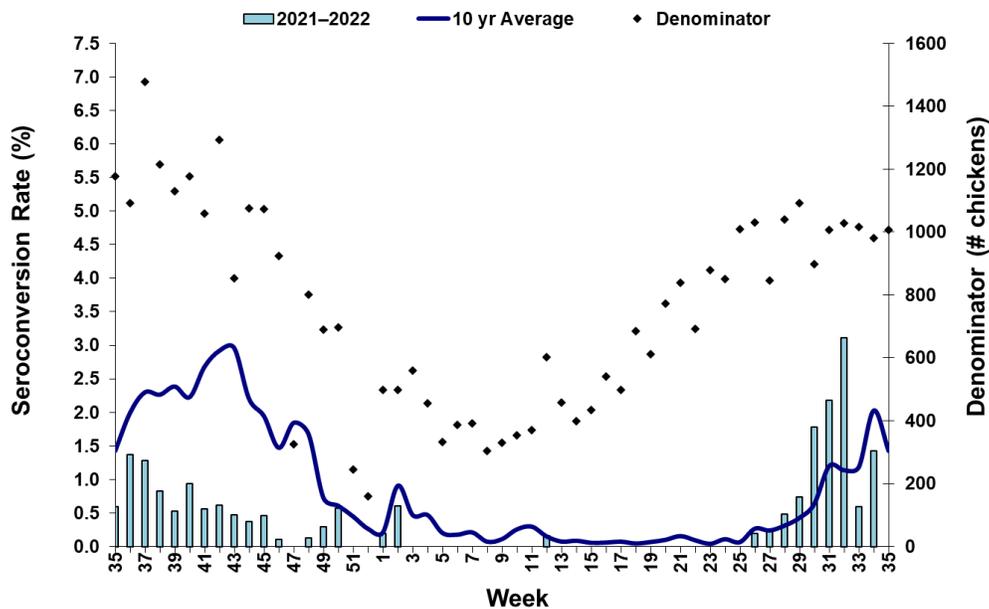
Sentinel Chickens

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.

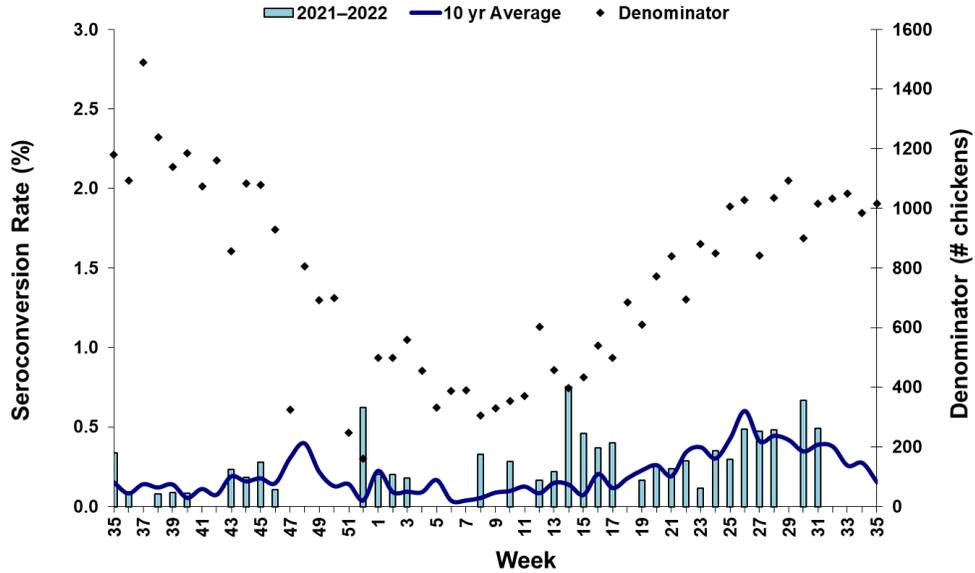
Fifteen sentinel chickens tested positive for antibodies to WNV this week in Charlotte, Hillsborough, Lee, Manatee, Seminole, and Walton counties. One sentinel chicken tested positive for antibodies to SLEV this week in Seminole County. Five sentinel chickens tested positive for antibodies to a flavivirus this week in Charlotte, Leon, and Walton counties.

County	Collection Date	Seroconversion Rates (%)						County Totals	
		Flavi	SLEV	WNV	Alpha	EEEV	HJV	Collection Week	YTD
Charlotte	8/19/2022	20.00		10.00				1 WNV, 1 Flavivirus	12 WNV, 2 Flavivirus
Hillsborough	8/24/2022	3.45		3.45				1 WNV	3 WNV, 1 EEEV
Lee	8/22/2022-8/23/2022	6.25		6.25				5 WNV	28 WNV
Leon	8/23/2022	14.29						2 Flavivirus	1 WNV, 3 EEEV, 2 Flavivirus
Manatee	8/24/2022	4.92		4.92				3 WNV	6 WNV, 1 EEEV
Seminole	8/22/2022	11.11	5.56	5.56				1 WNV, 1 SLEV	1 WNV, 1 SLEV
Walton	8/22/2022	13.95		9.30				4 WNV, 2 Flavivirus	9 WNV, 12 EEEV, 1 SLEV, 2 HJV, 3 Flavivirus

Sentinel Seroconversions to WNV in Florida, 2021–2022



Sentinel Seroconversions to EEEV in Florida, 2021–2022



Mosquito Pools

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

County	Collection Date	Result	Species	County YTD

Dead Birds

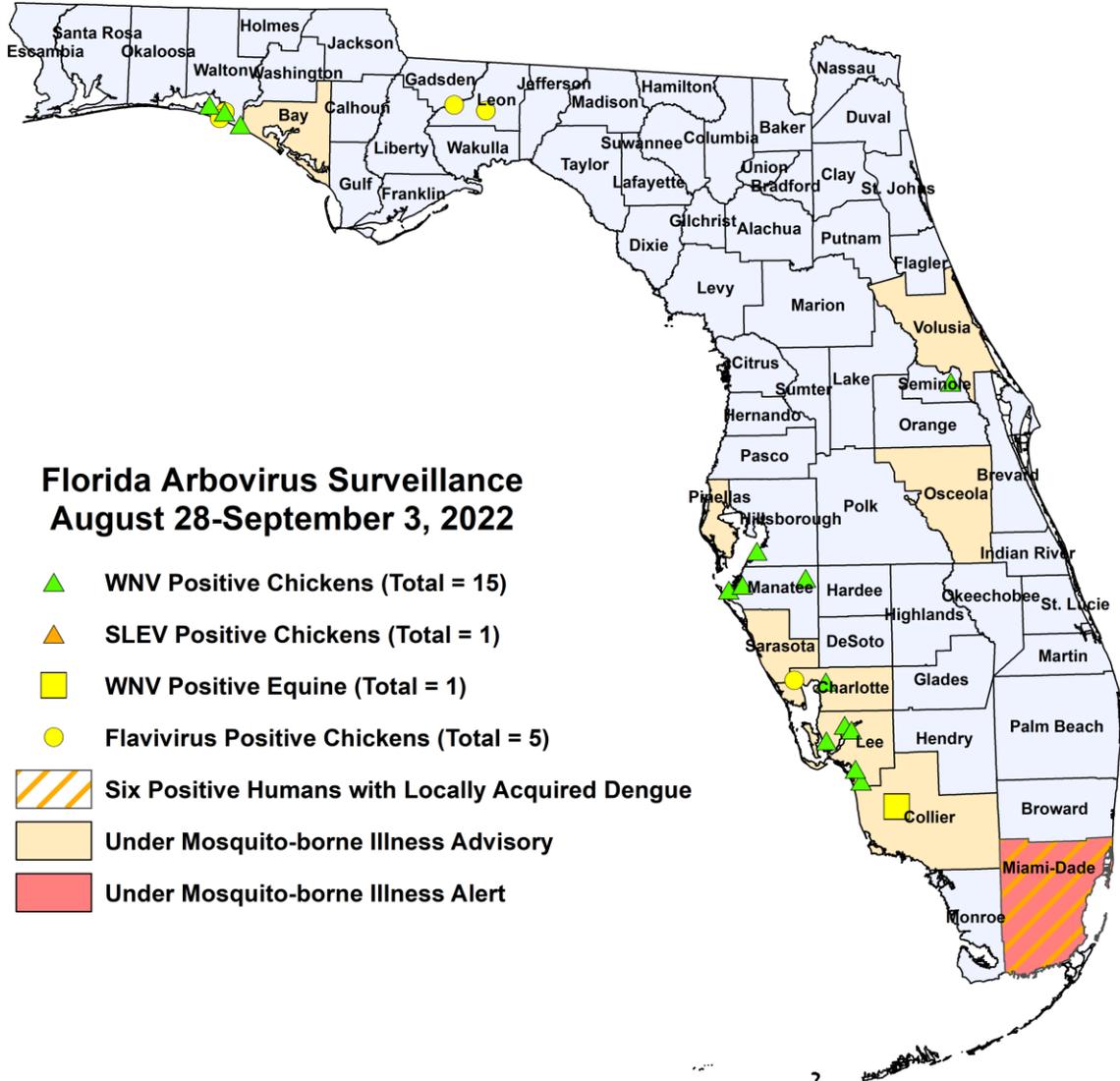
The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) collects reports of dead birds, which can be an indication of arbovirus circulation in an area. This week, 29 reports representing a total of 103 dead birds, including 1 crow, 1 jay, 2 raptors, and 6 doves, were received from 11 counties.

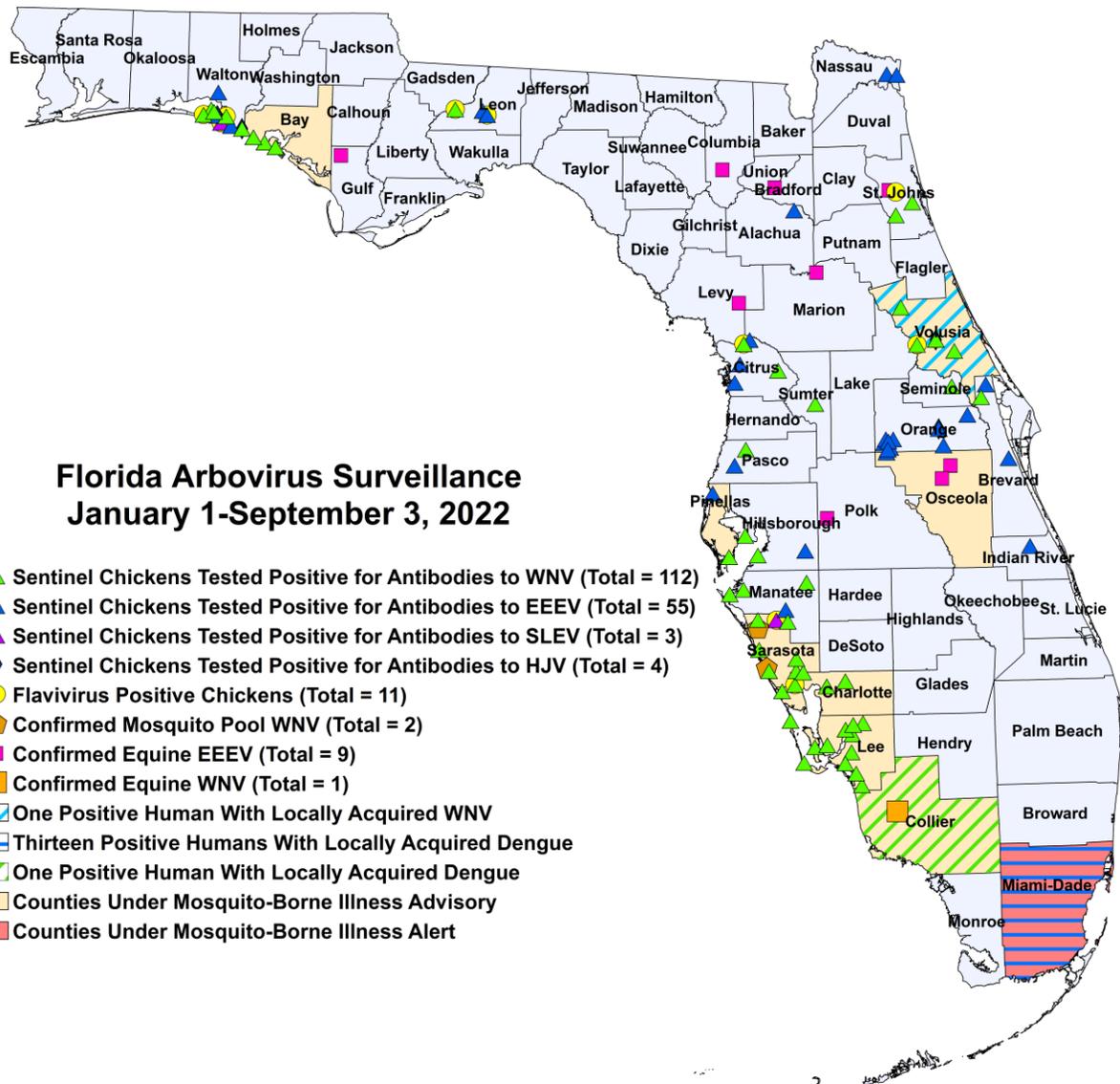
In 2022, 1163 reports representing a total of 3134 dead birds (110 crows, 34 jays, 177 raptors, 151 doves) were received from 56 of Florida’s 67 counties.

2022

County	Total Dead Birds	Crows	Jays	Raptors	Doves
Bay	24	0	0	0	0
Broward	3	0	0	0	3
Citrus	11	0	0	0	0
Collier	6	0	0	0	2
Duval	1	0	0	1	0
Flagler	25	0	0	0	0
Hillsborough	1	0	0	1	0
Lee	2	1	0	0	1
Marion	3	0	0	0	0
Palm Beach	26	0	0	0	0
Volusia	1	0	1	0	0

Maps





2022 Arbovirus Activity by County

County	Humans	Equines	Sentinel Chickens	Other
Alachua			1 EEEV (5/31)	
Bay			16 WNV (3/21, 7/5, 7/18, 7/25, 8/1, 8/8) 1 EEEV (7/25)	
Bradford		1 EEEV (6/22)		
Brevard			1 WNV (8/5) 2 EEEV (4/7, 7/1)	
Charlotte			12 WNV (7/1, 7/15, 7/29, 8/5, 8/19) 2 Flavivirus (8/12, 8/19)	
Citrus			5 WNV (1/4, 1/11, 7/19) 11 EEEV (1/11, 1/18, 4/19, 5/17, 5/23, 6/1, 6/14, 6/21, 6/28, 7/6) 1 Flavivirus (1/25)	
Collier	1 dengue (July)	1 WNV (8/21)		
Columbia		1 EEEV (5/9)		
Gulf		1 EEEV (7/25)		

County	Humans	Equines	Sentinel Chickens	Other
Hillsborough			3 WNV (8/10, 8/24) 1 EEEV (3/23)	
Indian River			1 EEEV (4/28)	
Lee			28 WNV (6/27, 7/5, 7/11, 7/18, 7/25, 7/26, 8/8, 8/9, 8/15, 8/16, 8/22, 8/23)	
Leon			1 WNV (7/27) 3 EEEV (7/27, 8/1) 2 Flavivirus (8/23)	
Levy		1 EEEV (6/16)		
Manatee			6 WNV (7/26, 8/9, 8/24) 1 EEEV (7/13)	
Marion		1 EEEV (7/7)		
Miami-Dade	13 dengue (June, July (4), August (8))			
Nassau			2 EEEV (7/29, 8/6)	
Orange			16 EEEV (1/3, 3/28, 4/11, 4/25, 5/16, 5/31, 6/6, 6/20, 6/27, 7/5, 7/11, 7/25, 8/1) 1 HJV (5/31)	
Osceola		2 EEEV (5/24, 5/26)		
Pasco			1 WNV (7/25) 1 EEEV (4/11)	
Pinellas			6 WNV (7/25, 8/1, 8/8) 1 EEEV (3/7)	
Polk		1 EEEV (6/19)		
Sarasota			15 WNV (7/15, 7/22, 8/2, 8/5, 8/9, 8/15) 1 SLEV (7/26) 1 Flavivirus (6/7)	2 WNV mosquito pool (Cx. <i>quinquefasciatus</i> [7/20, 7/27])
Seminole			1 WNV (8/22) 1 Flavivirus (8/22)	
St. Johns		1 EEEV (7/5)	2 WNV (7/25, 8/15) 1 Flavivirus (8/15)	
Sumter			1 WNV (8/8)	
Volusia	1 WNV (July)		5 WNV (7/11, 7/25, 8/8) 2 EEEV (2/21, 6/27) 1 HJV (5/23) 1 Flavivirus (8/15)	
Walton			9 WNV (7/25, 8/8, 8/15, 8/22) 12 EEEV (4/4, 5/9, 6/13, 6/20, 6/27, 7/5, 7/11, 7/13, 7/25, 8/1) 1 SLEV (3/21) 2 HJV (6/20, 7/25) 3 Flavivirus (3/21, 8/22)	

*Eleven chickens in 2022 have tested positive for flavivirus antibodies and require additional specialized testing to distinguish between WNV and SLEV antibodies. Testing is currently delayed due to supply chain issues. The final determination of these birds will be updated as more information becomes available. In Florida, both WNV and SLEV have similar disease vectors and epidemiology. Seroconversion rates for flavivirus are included in the table.

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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

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

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. 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.