

Florida Arbovirus Surveillance Week 44: October 27- November 2, 2024

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 October 27-November 2, 2024, the following arboviral activity was recorded in Florida.

WNV activity: Four human cases of WNV infection were reported this week in Duval, Marion, Polk, and Seminole counties. Two horses with WNV infection were reported this week in Marion County. Fifty-nine sentinel chickens tested positive for antibodies to WNV this week in Alachua, Brevard, Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Indian River, Lee, Martin, Orange, Pinellas, Polk, Putnam, St. Lucie, Sumter, and Volusia counties. In 2024, positive samples from ten humans, eight asymptomatic blood donors, nine horses, two geese, one flamingo, two ducks, three mosquito pools, and 681 sentinel chickens have been reported from 28 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 2024, 29 sentinel chickens have been reported from 13 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 2024, positive samples from 55 sentinel chickens, 21 horses, two emus, one emu flock, one duck, and one deer have been reported from 26 counties.

International Travel-Associated Dengue: Thirty-two cases of dengue were reported this week in persons that had international travel. In 2024, 720 travel-associated dengue cases have been reported.

Dengue Cases Acquired in Florida: Four cases of locally acquired dengue were reported this week. In 2024, 59 cases of locally acquired dengue have been reported from ten counties.

International Travel-Associated Chikungunya Fever Cases: No cases of chikungunya fever were reported this week in persons that had international travel. In 2024, nine cases of travel-associated chikungunya fever have been reported.

Chikungunya Fever Cases Acquired in Florida: No cases of locally acquired chikungunya fever were reported this week. In 2024, no cases of locally acquired chikungunya fever have been reported.

International Travel-Associated Oropouche Fever cases: Two cases of Oropouche fever were reported this week in persons that had international travel. In 2024, 90 travel-associated Oropouche fever cases 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 2024, 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 2024, no cases of locally acquired Zika fever have been reported.

Advisories/Alerts: Alachua, Brevard, Broward, Citrus, Hernando, Holmes, Madison, Mantatee, Martin, Nassau, Orange, Pinellas, Polk, Putnam, Sarasota, Seminole, Sumter, and Volusia counties are currently under a mosquito-borne illness advisory. Bay, Duval, Hillsborough, Marion, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Palm Beach, Pasco, and Walton counties are currently under a mosquito-borne illness alert. 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	Oropouche	Yellow Fever	Zika	
Africa and the Middle East	Americas	Asia and the Pacific Islands	Americas	Africa	Asia
Afghanistan	Colombia	French Polynesia	Bolivia	Nigeria	India
Iran	Costa Rica	Philippines	Brazil		
Burkina Faso	Cuba	India	Colombia		
Cape Verde	Dominican Republic		Cuba		
Central African Republic	Ecuador		Dominican Republic		
Ethiopia	El Salvador		Ecuador		
Ghana	Greneda		Guyana		
Mali	Guatemala		Peru		
Pakistan	Guyana				
Sudan	Honduras				
Тодо	Mexico				
	Panama	1			
	Saint Lucia				
	Trinidad and Tobago				

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: https://www.cdc.gov/fight-the-bite/at-risk/index.html.

2024 Human Case Summary

West Nile Virus Illnesses Acquired in Florida: In 2024, ten human cases of WNV illness acquired in Florida have been reported in Bay (August, September), Duval (July, September, October), Marion (July, September), Martin (September), Seminole (October), and Walton (July) counties. Eight asymptomatic positive blood donors were reported from Duval (August), Manatee (August), Marion (July, October), Orange (September), Polk (October), and Walton (July, August) counties.

2024 International Travel-Associated Chikungunya Cases: Nine cases with onset in 2024 have been reported in individuals with travel history to a chikungunya-endemic area in the two weeks prior to onset. Counties reporting cases were: Broward (2), Manatee, Miami-Dade, Orange (2), Pinellas, Hillsborough, and Pasco. Countries of origin were: Brazil (5) and India (4). Two cases were reported in non-Florida residents.

2024 International Travel-Associated Oropouche Cases: Ninety cases with onset in 2024 have been reported in individuals with travel history to an Oropouche-endemic area in the two weeks prior to onset. Counties reporting cases were: Broward (3), Collier, Duval, Hillsborough (12), Lee (5), Marion, Miami-Dade (53), Orange (3), Palm Beach (2), Pasco (3), Polk (4), Sarasota, and St. Lucie. Country of origin was Cuba (90).

2024 International Travel-Associated Dengue Cases: Seven hundred twenty cases with onset in 2024 have been reported in individuals with travel history to a dengue-endemic area in the two weeks prior to onset. Counties reporting cases were: Alachua (2), Brevard (6), Broward (84), Charlotte (2), Collier (13), Columbia, Duval (8), Escambia (3), Flagler, Hendry, Hernando, Hillsborough (49), Indian River, Lake (4), Lee (22), Levy (2), Manatee, Marion (5), Martin (2), Miami-Dade (351), Monroe (5), Okaloosa, Okeechobee (3), Orange (39), Osceola (18), Palm Beach (39), Pasco (8), Pinellas (6), Polk (14), Santa Rosa (3), Sarasota (4), Seminole (6), St. Lucie (10), and Volusia (5). Fifty-one cases were reported in non-Florida residents. Six 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 2024, 588 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-2 /DENV-3	Unknown	Total
Argentina	3	4				7	14
Barbados	1	1				2	4
Barbados/Trinidad and Tobago		1					1
Brazil	36	12	1			12	61
Brazil/Paraguay		1					1
Colombia	5	10	7	1		10	33
Colombia/Panama						1	1
Costa Rica			5	2			7
Cuba		1	173	129	1	48	352
Dominican Republic			12			4	16
El Salvador	2		10			1	13
El Salvador/Honduras	1						1
Grenada	-	1					1
Guatemala			14			4	18
Guyana			3				3
Honduras			33		1	8	42
India	2	1			·	1	4
Indonesia	_	1				2	3
Jamaica		1				1	2
Maldives		1					1
Mexico	4	2	18	1		2	27
Netherlands Antilles		1					1
Nicaragua	1	•	1	1		4	7
Panama			1			•	1
Paraguay		3					3
Peru	2	2	1				5
Philippines				1		2	3
Puerto Rico	7	8	16			6	37
Puerto Rico/US Virgin Islands			1				1
Saint Barthélemy		2				1	3
Saint Lucia			1				1
Surinam		1					1
Thailand/Vietnam		1					1
Trinidad and Tobago		2	21			9	32
US Virgin Islands		7				3	10
Venezuela			5			4	9
Total	64	64	323	135	2	132	720

2024 Dengue Cases Acquired in Florida: In 2024, 59 cases of locally acquired dengue have been reported in Broward (2), Hillsborough (4), Manatee, Miami-Dade (34), Monroe (3), Orange (2), Palm Beach (3), Pasco (8), Polk, and Sarasota counties with onset in January (3), February, March (2), April, June (11), July (8), August (14), September (18), and October. Three cases were reported in non-Florida residents. Forty-nine cases have been serotyped by PCR. Please see the table below for a breakdown of cases by county and serotype.

County of Exposure	DENV-1	DENV-3	DENV-4	Unknown	Total
Broward		1		1	2
Hillsborough	2	2			4
Manatee		1			1
Miami-Dade		30	1	3	34
Monroe	2			1	3
Orange		2			2
Palm Beach		1		2	3
Pasco		5		3	8
Polk			1		1
Sarasota	1				1
Total	5	42	2	10	59

2024 International Travel-Associated Malaria Cases: Sixty-three cases of malaria with onset in 2024 have been reported in individuals with a travel history to a malaria-endemic area. Counties reporting cases were: Alachua (2), Brevard (2), Broward (7), Clay, Collier, Duval (6), Escambia, Flagler, Hillsborough (6), Indian River, Lee (2), Leon (2), Marion, Miami-Dade (3), Monroe, Okaloosa, Orange (7), Osceola (2), Palm Beach (3), Pasco (2), Pinellas (5), Polk (2), Santa Rosa, Sarasota, Seminole, and Volusia. Ten cases were reported in non-Florida residents. Please see the table below for a breakdown of cases by country of origin and *Plasmodium* species.

Country of Exposure	Plasmodium falciparum	Plasmodium ovale	Plasmodium vivax	Total
Africa	1			1
Angola	1			1
Benin	1			1
Cameroon	2			2
Central/South America			9	9
Chad	3			3
Côte D'Ivoire	2			2
Ecuador			1	1
Ethiopia	1		2	3
Gabon	1		1	2
Ghana	4			4
Haiti	1			1
Honduras			1	1
India			1	1
Kenya	1			1
Malawi	2			2
Mexico			1	1
Nicaragua			1	1
Nigeria	17			17
Republic of the Congo		1		1
Sierra Leone	2			2
Solomon Islands			1	1
Sudan	1			1
Tanzania	2			2
Тодо	1			1
Uganda/Rwanda	1			1
Total	44	1	18	63

Veterinary Cases**

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

Two horses with WNV infection were reported this week in Marion County.



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.

Fifty-nine sentinel chickens tested positive for antibodies to WNV this week in Alachua, Brevard, Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Indian River, Lee, Martin, Orange, Pinellas, Polk, Putnam, St. Lucie, Sumter, and Volusia counties.

		Seroconversion Rates (%)				County Totals			
County	Collection Date	Flavi	SLEV	WNV	Alpha	EEEV	HJV	Collection Week	YTD
Alachua	9/18/2024	5.56		5.56				1 WNV	22 WNV, 5 SLEV
Alacitua	10/17/2024	6.67		6.67				1 WNV	
Brevard	10/16-10/17-10/18	6.56		6.56				4 WNV	28 WNV, 2 SLE
Citrus	9/23/2024	1.75		1.75				1 WNV	34 WNV, 6 EEEV, 1 Alphavirus, 1 SLEV
Hernando	10/21/2024	13.64		13.64				3 WNV	22 WNV
Hillsborough	10/21/2024	11.76		11.76				2 WNV	1 EEEV, 24 WNV
Indian River	10/17/2024	2.13		2.13				1 WNV	1 SLEV, 2 WNV
Lee	10/22/2024	1.92		1.92				2 WNV	1 SLEV, 8 WNV
Martin	10/17/2024	5.00		5.00				2 WNV	3 WNV
Orange	10/21/2024	15.15		15.15				5 WNV	9 EEEV, 63 WNV, 2 SLEV
Pinellas	10/21/2024	14.29		14.29				5 WNV	2 EEEV, 52 WNV, 1 SLEV
Polk	9/30/2024	2.78		2.78				1 WNV	1 EEEV, 32 WNV, 1 SLEV
FUIK	10/21/2024	6.90		6.90				2 WNV	TEEEV, 32 WINV, TSLEV
Putnam	10/21/2024	21.43		21.43				3 WNV	1 EEEV, 9 WNV
St. Lucie	10/17/2024	7.32		7.32				3 WNV	6 WNV
Sumter	9/30/2024	5.88		5.88				1 WNV	33 WNV
Sumer	10/21/2024	43.33		43.33				13 WNV	53 WINV
Volusia	10/21/2024	29.03		29.03				9 WNV	2 EEEV, 62 WNV

Sentinel Seroconversions to WNV in Florida, 2023–2024





Sentinel Seroconversions to EEEV in Florida, 2023–2024

Mosquito Pools

No mosquito pools tested positive 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, 12 reports representing a total of 14 dead birds, including two crows, and two jays, were received from seven counties.

In 2024, 908 reports representing a total of 1965 dead birds (68 crows, 23 jays, 146 raptors, 92 doves) were received from 50 of Florida's 67 counties.

2024

County	Total Dead Birds	Crows	Jays	Raptors	Doves
Bay	3	1	0	0	0
Broward	1	0	0	0	0
Marion	1	1	0	0	0
Miami-Dade	1	0	0	0	0
Orange	2	0	0	0	0
Pinellas	4	0	2	0	0
Sarasota	2	0	0	0	0

Maps





2024 Mosquito-Borne Disease Activity by County

County	Humans	Equines	Sentinel Chickens	Other
Alachua		1 EEEV (6/21)	22 WNV (7/2, 7/24, 8/2, 8/19, 9/13, 9/18(2), 9/26, 10/11, 10/17) 5 SLEV (8/15, 8/30)	
Вау	2 WNV (August, September)		2 EEEV (5/28, 6/10) 19 WNV (7/22, 8/5, 8/12, 8/19, 8/26, 9/14, 9/17, 9/23)	
Brevard		2 WNV (9/11, 10/10)	28 WNV (1/3, 7/19, 7/26, 8/13, 8/14, 8/15, 8/22, 8/28, 8/29, 8/30, 9/5, 9/12, 9/13, 9/19, 9/20, 9/27, 10/7, 10/8, 10/16, 10/17, 10/18) 2 SLEV (8/23, 9/19)	
Broward	2 dengue (August, September)			
Charlotte			2 WNV (8/30)	

County	Humans	Equines	Sentinel Chickens	Other
Citrus			34 WNV (1/9, 1/15, 6/25, 7/8, 8/19, 9/3, 9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30, 10/8) 6 EEEV (1/9, 1/15, 2/26, 3/11, 5/20) 1 Alphavirus (5/20) 1 SLEV (8/19)	
Columbia		1 EEEV (6/16)		
Duval	3 WNV (July, September, October) 1 asymptomatic WNV blood donor (August)	1 EEEV (5/25)	19 WNV (7/8, 7/15, 8/19, 8/26, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30, 10/14)	2 WNV ducks (9/11, 10/11) 1 EEEV duck (10/11)
Hernando			22 WNV (8/26, 9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30, 10/14, 10/21)	
Highlands		1 EEEV (5/25)		
Hillsborough	4 dengue (June (2), August, September)	1 EEEV (5/26)	1 EEEV (6/3) 24 WNV (6/10, 8/19, 8/26, 9/3, 9/9, 9/12, 9/23, 10/2, 10/7, 10/21)	
Holmes		3 EEEV (6/16, 6/19)		
Indian River			1 SLEV (7/18) 2 WNV (9/13, 10/17)	
Jackson		1 EEEV (5/30)		1 EEEV deer (7/16)
Lake		1 EEEV (7/31)		1 EEEV emu (2/6)
Lee			1 SLEV (8/5) 8 WNV (8/12, 8/26, 9/24, 9/30, 10/1, 10/14, 10/22)	
Leon			1 EEEV (6/18) 8 WNV (8/19, 8/27, 9/10, 9/16)	
Levy		2 EEEV (5/21, 7/4)		
Madison		3 EEEV (6/20, 6/29, 7/24)		
Mantatee	1 dengue (July) 1 WNV (August)		17 WNV (8/7, 8/20, 8/27, 9/4, 9/17, 9/24, 10/1, 10/15, 10/17)	
Marion	2 asymptomatic WNV blood donor (July, October) 2 WNV (July, September)	2 EEEV (1/31, 3/29) 7 WNV (8/14, 9/9, 9/21, 9/27, 10/2, 10/22, 10/29)		
Martin	1 WNV (September)	1 EEEV (5/27)	3 WNV (9/26, 10/17)	
Miami-Dade	34 dengue (January (2), February, March (2), April, June (6), July (7), August (6), September (8), October)			
Monroe	3 dengue (June (3))			
Nassau			6 EEEV (5/3, 9/12) 5 Flavivirus (5/3, 5/18, 5/23) 34 WNV (8/9, 8/17, 8/23, 8/29, 9/7, 9/12, 9/21, 9/28) 2 SLEV (8/23)	
Orange	2 dengue (August) 1 asymptomatic WNV blood donor (September)		9 EEEV (2/26, 3/25, 5/6, 5/28, 6/3, 7/15, 7/29, 8/5, 8/19) 63 WNV (8/5, 8/6, 8/12, 8/19, 8/26, 9/3, 9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30, 10/14, 10/15, 10/21) 2 SLEV (8/19, 9/9)	1 EEEV emu (3/16) 1 WNV goose (10/17) 1 WNV flamingo (10/14)

County	Humans	Equines	Sentinel Chickens	Other
Osceola		1 EEEV (5/2)		
Palm Beach	3 dengue (August (2), September)		7 WNV (3/18, 9/3, 9/30, 10/14)	
Pasco	8 dengue (January, August (2), September (5))		2 EEEV (5/13, 9/3) 5 SLEV (6/10, 8/13, 8/19, 9/23) 45 WNV (8/19, 8/26, 9/3, 9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30, 10/15)	1 EEEV emu flock outbreak (4/22 for first emu)
Pinellas			2 EEEV (5/20, 5/28) 52 WNV (7/29, 8/5, 8/12, 8/19, 8/26, 9/3, 9/23, 9/30, 10/7, 10/21) 1 SLEV (9/16)	
Polk	1 dengue (September) 1 asymptomatic WNV blood donor (October)	1 EEEV (4/9)	1 EEEV (6/10) 32 WNV (6/10, 7/22, 7/29, 8/6, 8/19, 8/26, 9/3, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30, 10/15, 10/21) 1 SLEV (9/3)	
Putnam			1 EEEV (7/15) 9 WNV (8/26, 9/23, 10/7, 10/21)	
Sarasota	1 dengue (September)		15 WNV (7/12, 7/26, 8/20, 8/27, 9/2, 9/13, 9/17, 9/18, 9/20, 10/15) 2 SLEV (8/20, 9/6)	1 WNV mosquito pool (<i>Cx.</i> <i>quinquefasciatus</i> 9/11)
Seminole	1 WNV (October)		3 WNV (8/19, 9/30)	
St. Johns			2 EEEV (6/3, 6/10) 9 WNV (8/19, 9/3, 9/9, 9/17, 9/23, 10/14) 1 SLEV (9/17)	
St. Lucie			6 WNV (7/2, 9/11, 10/2, 10/17)	
Sumter			33 WNV (9/9, 9/16, 9/30, 10/21)	
Suwannee		1 EEEV (6/3)		
Volusia			2 EEEV (1/22, 4/8) 62 WNV (7/8, 7/22, 7/29, 8/12, 8/19, 8/26, 9/3, 9/9, 9/16, 9/24, 9/30, 10/7, 10/14, 10/21)	1 WNV goose (8/14)
Walton	2 asymptomatic WNV blood donors (July, August) 1 WNV (July)		20 EEEV (3/25, 4/15, 5/13, 5/28, 6/3, 6/4, 6/17, 6/24, 7/9, 7/15, 7/16, 7/30, 8/13) 5 SLEV (4/1, 7/29, 8/12, 8/19, 9/23) 1 Alphavirus (6/3) 102 WNV (6/17, 7/1, 7/8, 7/15, 7/16, 7/22, 7/29, 7/30, 8/5, 8/6, 8/12, 8/19, 8/20, 8/26, 9/3, 9/9, 9/16, 9/17, 9/23, 9/24, 9/30, 10/1) 1 HJV (8/12)	2 WNV mosquito pools (<i>Cx.</i> <i>quinquefasciatus</i> 8/27, mixed <i>Culex</i> spp. 9/10)

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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.