



Florida Arbovirus Surveillance Week 5: January 28-February 3, 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 January 28-February 3, 2024, the following arboviral activity was recorded in Florida.

[This report contains information for 2023 and 2024.](#)

WNV activity: No human cases of WNV infection 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 Citrus County. No mosquito pools tested positive for WNV this week. In 2023, positive samples from ten humans, three asymptomatic blood donors, 258 sentinel chickens, one pheasant, and two horses have been reported from 22 counties. In 2024, positive samples from five sentinel chickens have been reported from two 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 2023, nine sentinel chickens have been reported from eight counties.

EEEV activity: No human cases of EEEV infection were reported this week. No horses with EEEV infection were reported this week. One sentinel chicken tested positive for antibodies to EEEV this week in Citrus County. In 2023, positive samples from 155 sentinel chickens, 17 horses, one sparrow, one laughing gull, and two humans have been reported from 23 counties. In 2024, positive samples from three sentinel chickens have been reported from one county.

International Travel-Associated Dengue: Twelve cases of dengue were reported this week in persons that had international travel. In 2023, 609 travel-associated dengue cases have been reported. In 2024, 30 travel-associated dengue cases have been reported.

Dengue Cases Acquired in Florida: No cases of locally acquired dengue were reported this week. In 2023, positive samples from 186 humans and one mosquito pool have been reported from five counties. In 2024, two cases of locally acquired dengue 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 2023, four 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 2023, 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 2023, 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 2023, no cases of locally acquired Zika fever have been reported.

Malaria Cases Acquired in Florida: No cases of locally acquired malaria were reported this week. In 2023, seven cases of locally acquired malaria have been reported.

Advisories/Alerts: Orange, Palm Beach, Pasco, Polk, and Walton counties are currently under a mosquito-borne illness advisory. Broward, Escambia, Hardee, and Miami-Dade 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			Western Equine Encephalitis	Chikungunya	Yellow Fever
Africa and the Middle East	Americas	Asia and the Pacific Islands	South America	Africa	Africa
Burkina Faso	Colombia	Bangladesh	Argentina	Burkina Faso	Nigeria
Chad	Costa Rica	Cambodia			
Côte d'Ivoire	Dominican Republic	Laos			
Ethiopia	French Guiana	Malaysia			
Mali	Guadeloupe	Pakistan			
Sudan	Guatemala	Philippines			
	Jamaica	Sri Lanka			
	Martinique	Taiwan			
	Nicaragua	Thailand			
	Panama	Vietnam			
	Peru				
	Saint Barthelemy				
	Saint Martin				

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>.

2023 Human Case Summary

Eastern Equine Encephalitis Acquired in Florida: In 2023, two cases of EEEV acquired in Florida have been reported in St. Johns (June) and Suwannee (July) counties.

West Nile Virus Illnesses Acquired in Florida: In 2023, ten cases of WNV illness acquired in Florida have been reported in 2023 from Brevard (October), Escambia (July (2) and August (3), December), Okaloosa (September), Sarasota (September), and Wakulla (October) counties. Three asymptomatic positive blood donors have been reported in Bay (August), Hillsborough (August), and Walton (September) counties.

2023 International Travel-Associated Chikungunya cases: Four cases with onset in 2023 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), Duval, and Lee. Countries of origin were: Brazil (2) and India (2).

2023 International Travel-Associated Dengue Cases: Six hundred and nine cases with onset in 2023 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 (3), Bay, Brevard (2), Broward (59), Charlotte, Collier (8), Duval (6), Escambia, Hendry (2), Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough (35), Indian River (2), Lee (16), Leon, Manatee (2), Marion, Miami-Dade (352), Monroe (5), Nassau, Okaloosa, Orange (21), Osceola (9), Palm Beach (34), Pasco (4), Pinellas (5), Polk (9), Sarasota (4), Seminole (5), St. Johns (4), St. Lucie (8), and Volusia (5). Thirty-two cases were reported in non-Florida residents. Seven 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 2023, 516 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-2	DENV-2/ DENV-3	DENV-3/ DENV-4	Unknown	Total
Argentina								1	1
Bahamas			4				1		5
Bangladesh		1	1						2
Barbados								1	1
Bolivia		5							5
Brazil	10							4	14
Caribbean								1	1
Central America			1	1				1	3
Colombia	1		2				1	1	5
Costa Rica	1		5	1				2	9
Costa Rica/Nicaragua			1						1
Cuba	1	1	284	14		3	1	40	344
Cuba/Curacao			1						1
Dominican Republic		1	52			1	1	6	60
Dominican Republic/Haiti								1	1
Ecuador								1	1
El Salvador	1								1
Guatemala	3	2	5					2	12
Guyana			4					4	8
Haiti			9					4	13
Honduras	1		4	2				1	8
India	1	2	4		1			3	11
Indonesia		1							1
Jamaica		29							29
Maldives	1								1
Mexico		3	14					11	28
Nicaragua		1	2	6				4	13
Panama	1							1	2
Peru	6	3	1					1	11
Philippines	1								1
Puerto Rico	3	2	1					1	7
Saint Barthélemy		2						2	4
Saint Barthélemy/Saint Martin			1						1
Saint Martin								1	1
South America		1							1
Turks and Caicos			1						1
Venezuela				1					1
Total	31	54	397	25	1	4	4	93	609

2023 Dengue Cases Acquired in Florida: In 2023, 186 cases of locally acquired dengue have been reported in Broward (4), Hardee (19), Miami-Dade (161), Palm Beach, and Polk counties with onsets in January, March, June (3), July (10), August (19), September (50), October (73), November (22), and December (7). Three cases were reported in non-Florida residents. One hundred and fifty-six 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-2	DENV-3	Unknown	Total
Broward		3	1		4
Hardee	4			15	19
Miami-Dade	1	7	138	15	161
Palm Beach		1			1
Polk			1		1
Total	5	11	140	30	186

2024 International Travel-Associated Dengue Cases: Thirty 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: Broward (2), Lee (2), Miami-Dade (23), Orange, Pasco, and Volusia. Two cases were reported in non-Florida residents. In 2024, 26 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
Brazil	2						2
Colombia			2				2
Cuba			9	1	1	2	13
Dominican Republic			4				4
Mexico	2	1	1				4
Paraguay		1					1
Puerto Rico		1					1
Saint Barthélemy		1				2	3
Total	4	4	16	1	1	4	30

2024 Dengue Cases Acquired in Florida: In 2024, two cases of locally acquired dengue have been reported in Miami-Dade and Pasco counties with onset in January. Both cases have been serotyped by PCR. Please see the table below for a breakdown of cases by county and serotype.

County of Exposure	DENV-3	Total
Miami-Dade	1	1
Pasco	1	1
Total	2	2

2023 International Travel-Associated Malaria Cases: Seventy-eight cases of malaria with onset in 2023 have been reported in individuals with a travel history to a malaria-endemic area. Counties reporting cases were: Brevard, Broward (9), Collier, Duval (3), Hillsborough (9), Jackson, Lake (2), Lee (4), Leon (4), Manatee, Miami-Dade (11), Okaloosa, Orange (6), Osceola (3), Palm Beach, Pasco (2), Pinellas (4), Polk (3), Sarasota (4), Seminole (2), St. Lucie (2), Sumter, Volusia (2), and Walton. Sixteen 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	<i>Plasmodium falciparum</i>	<i>Plasmodium vivax</i>	<i>Plasmodium malariae</i>	<i>Plasmodium ovale</i>	Total
Angola			1		1
Burkina Faso	1				1
Burundi	1				1
Cameroon	4				4
Côte D'Ivoire	2				2
Democratic Republic of the Congo	2				2
Equatorial Guinea	1				1
Ghana	5				5
Guinea	2				2
Haiti	2				2
Honduras		1			1
India	1	1			2
Kenya	1		1		2
Liberia	1				1
Mexico		1			1
Mozambique	1			1	2
Nicaragua		4			4
Nigeria	19				19
Pakistan		1			1
Sierra Leone	3		1		4
Sudan		1			1
Tanzania	1				1
Tanzania/Venezuela	1				1
Uganda	7				7
Venezuela		1			1
Multiple countries		9			9
Total	55	19	3	1	78

2023 Malaria Cases Acquired in Florida: In 2023, seven cases of locally acquired malaria have been reported in Sarasota County, with onsets in May, June (5), and July. The *Plasmodium* species reported were *Plasmodium vivax*.

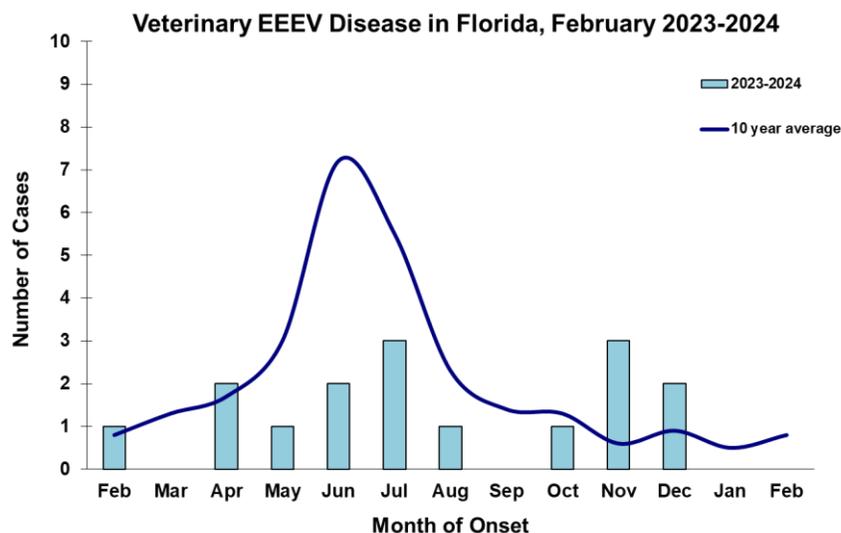
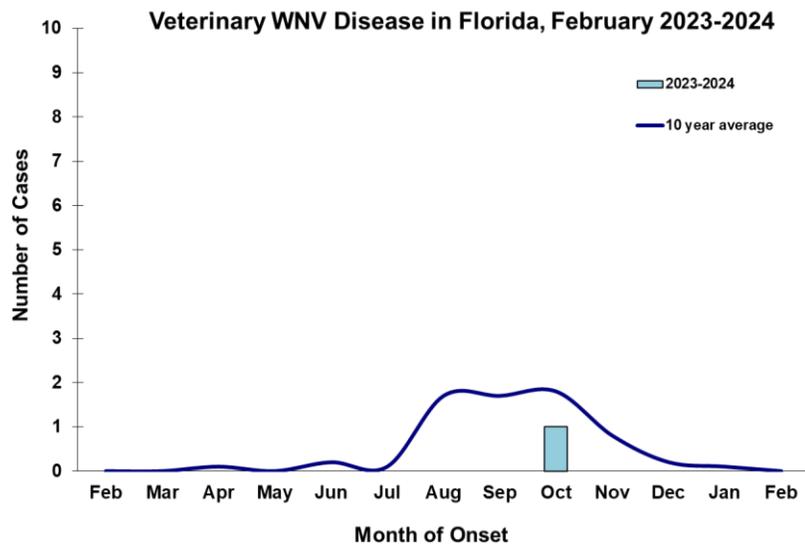
2024 International Travel-Associated Malaria Cases: Two cases of malaria with onset in 2024 have been reported in individuals with a travel history to a malaria-endemic area. Counties reporting cases were: Broward and Orange. Please see the table below for a breakdown of cases by country of origin and *Plasmodium* species.

Country of Exposure	<i>Plasmodium falciparum</i>	<i>Plasmodium vivax</i>	Total
Nigeria	1		1
Multiple countries		1	1
Total	1	1	2

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.



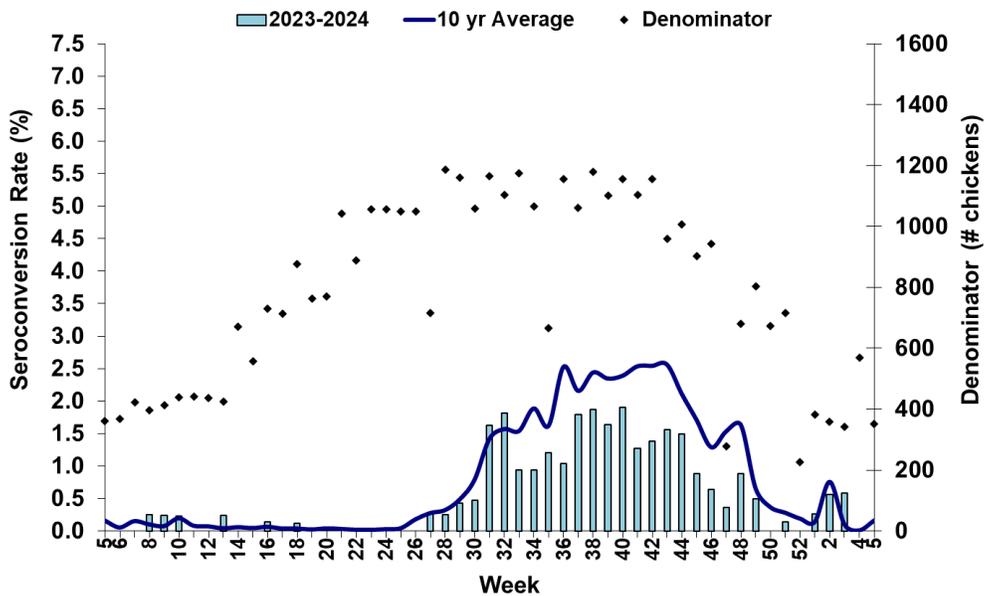
Sentinel Chickens

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.

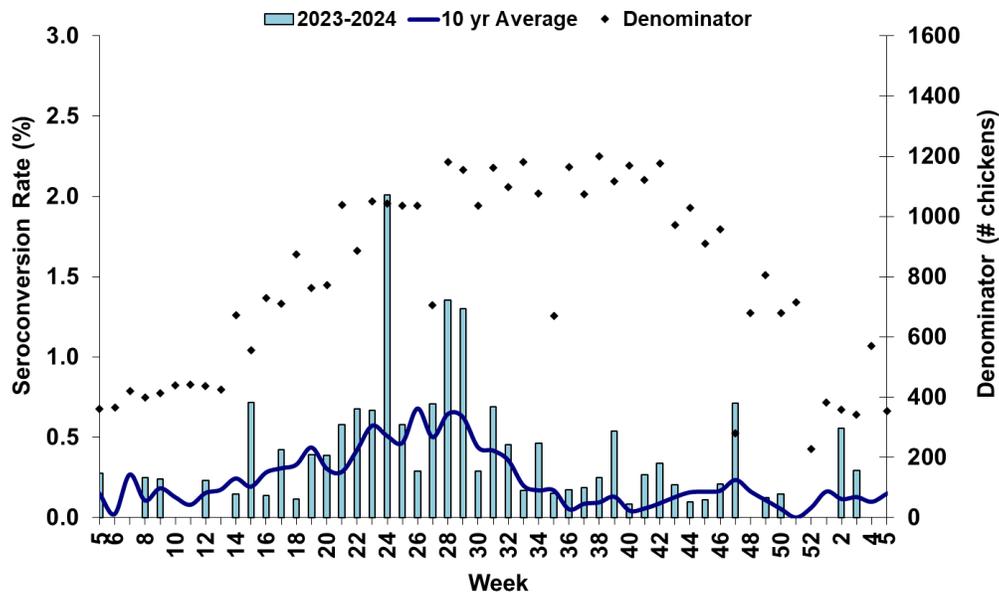
Two sentinel chickens tested positive for antibodies to WNV this week in Citrus County. No mosquito pools tested positive for WNV this week. One sentinel chicken tested positive for antibodies to EEEV this week in Citrus County.

County	Collection Date	Seroconversion Rates (%)						County Totals	
		Flavi	SLEV	WNV	Alpha	EEEV	HJV	Collection Week	YTD
Citrus	1/15/2024	3.13		3.13	1.56	1.56		2 WNV, 1 EEEV	4 WNV, 3 EEEV

Sentinel Seroconversions to WNV in Florida, 2023–2024



Sentinel Seroconversions to EEEV in Florida, 2023–2024



Mosquito Pools

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

County	Collection Date	Result	Species	County YTD

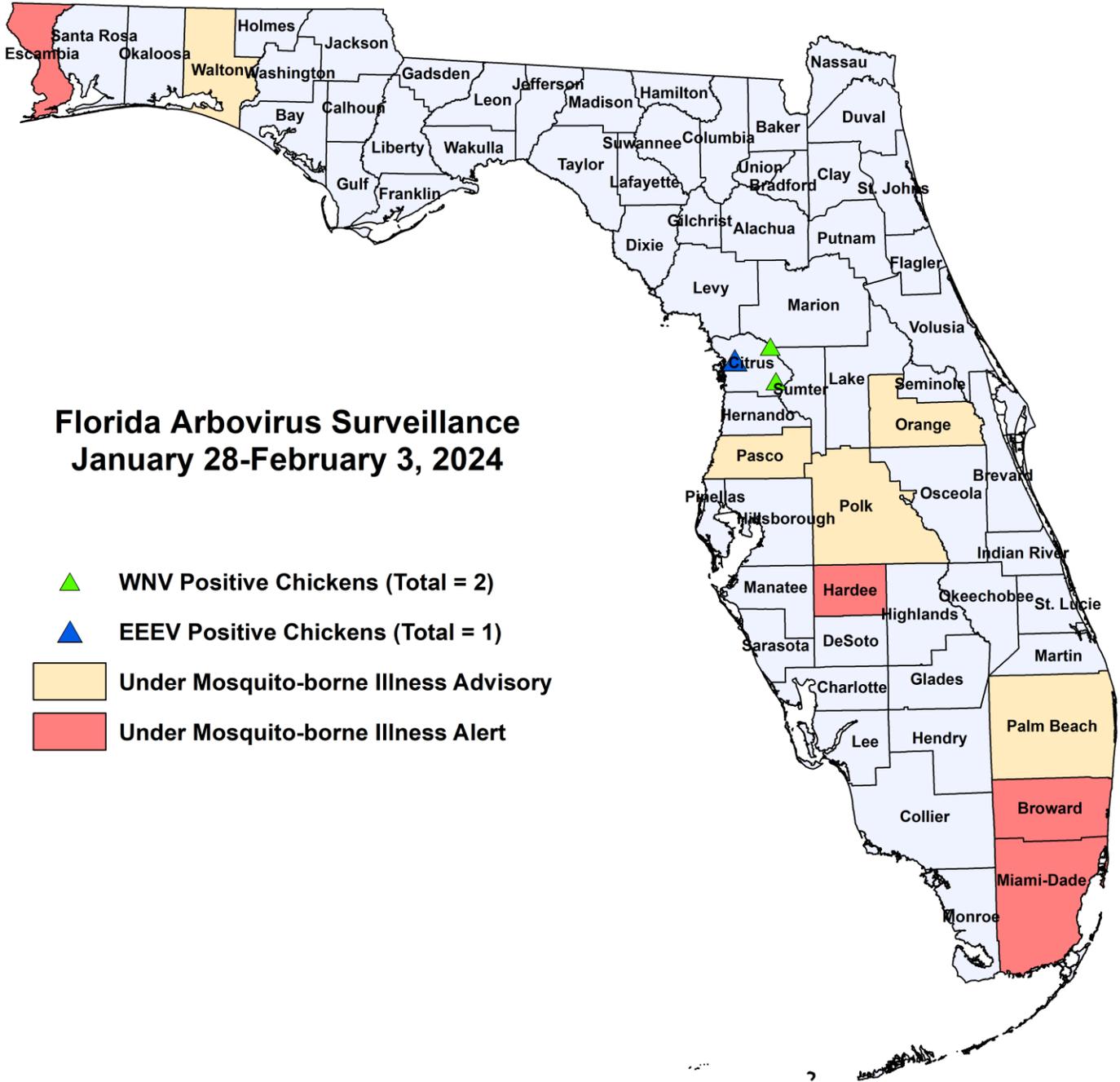
Dead Birds

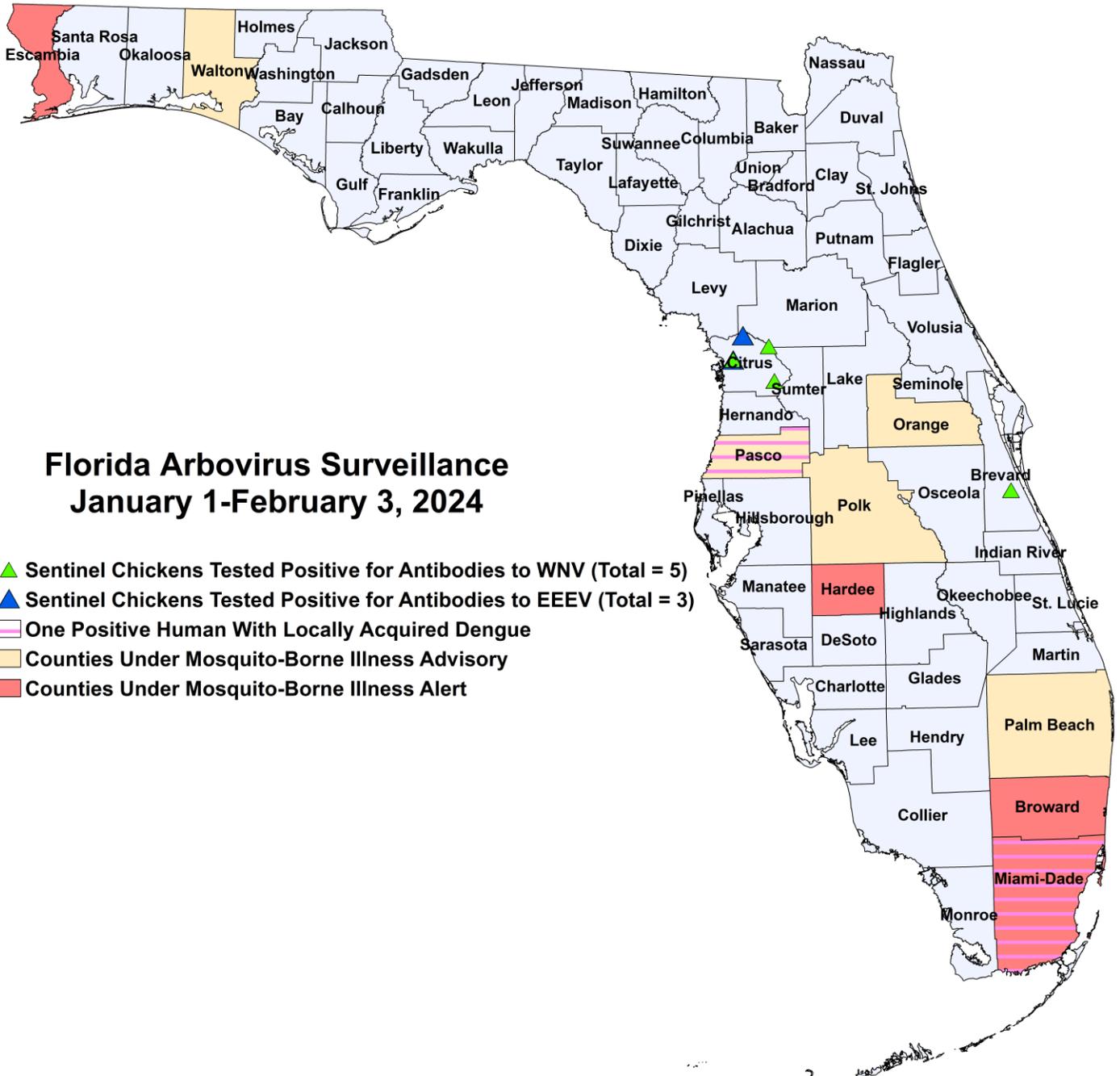
The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) collects reports of dead birds, which can be an indication of arbovirus circulation in an area. This week, 18 reports representing a total of 38 dead birds, including three raptors, were received from 12 counties.

In 2024, 153 reports representing a total of 378 dead birds (12 crows, 0 jays, 20 raptors, 1 dove) were received from 37 of Florida's 67 counties.

2024

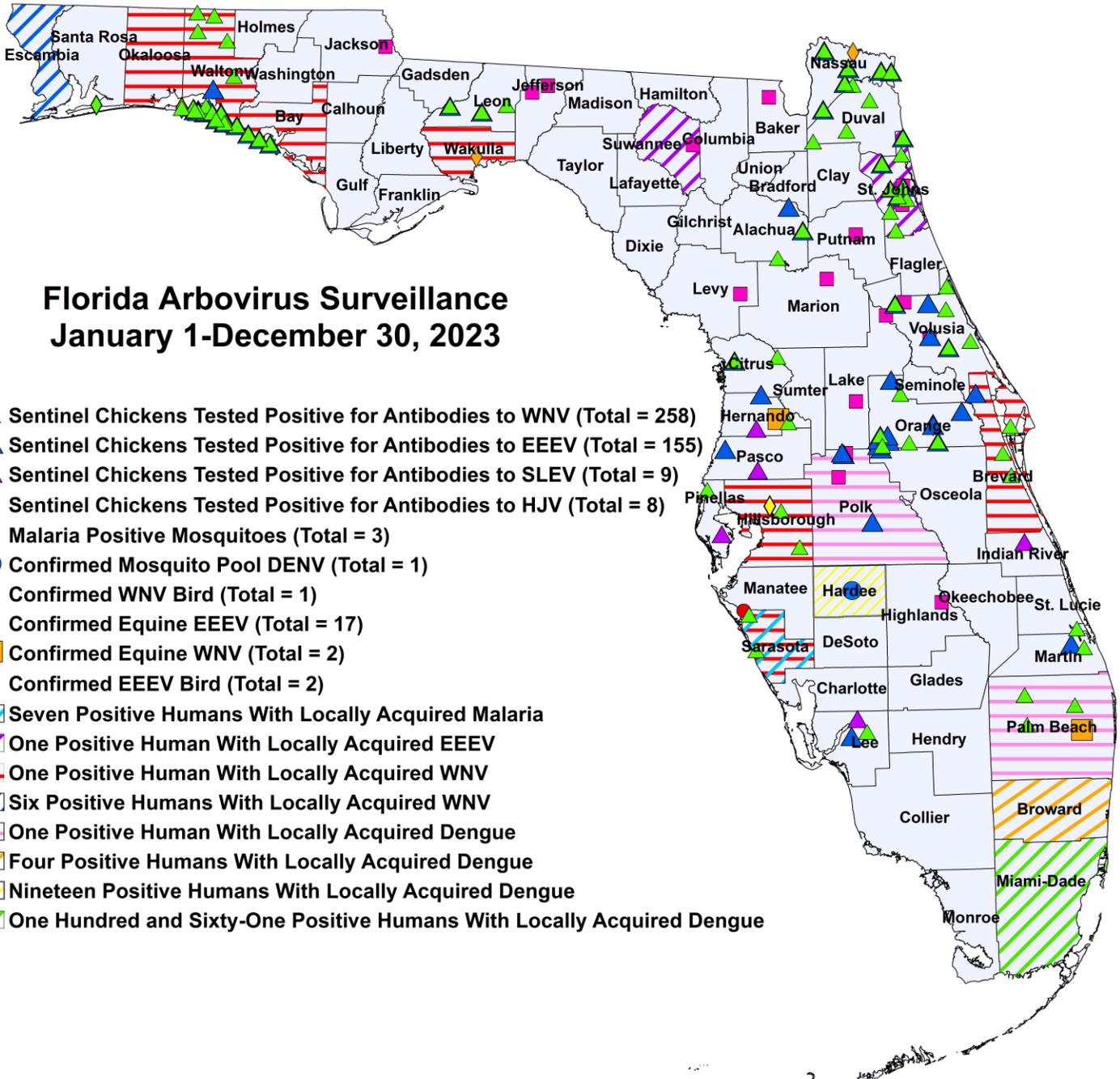
County	Total Dead Birds	Crows	Jays	Raptors	Doves
Brevard	5	0	0	0	0
Charlotte	2	2	0	0	0
Collier	10	10	0	0	0
Duval	1	0	0	0	0
Escambia	3	0	0	0	0
Flagler	3	0	0	0	0
Franklin	8	0	0	0	0
Hillsborough	46	0	0	0	0
Okaloosa	1	0	0	0	0
Sarasota	6	0	0	0	0
Sumter	1	0	0	0	0
Volusia	2	0	0	0	0





Florida Arbovirus Surveillance January 1-February 3, 2024

- ▲ Sentinel Chickens Tested Positive for Antibodies to WNV (Total = 5)
- ▲ Sentinel Chickens Tested Positive for Antibodies to EEEV (Total = 3)
- ▨ One Positive Human With Locally Acquired Dengue
- Counties Under Mosquito-Borne Illness Advisory
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Florida Arbovirus Surveillance January 1-December 30, 2023

- ▲ Sentinel Chickens Tested Positive for Antibodies to WNV (Total = 258)
- ▲ Sentinel Chickens Tested Positive for Antibodies to EEEV (Total = 155)
- ▲ Sentinel Chickens Tested Positive for Antibodies to SLEV (Total = 9)
- ◆ Sentinel Chickens Tested Positive for Antibodies to HJV (Total = 8)
- Malaria Positive Mosquitoes (Total = 3)
- Confirmed Mosquito Pool DENV (Total = 1)
- ◆ Confirmed WNV Bird (Total = 1)
- Confirmed Equine EEEV (Total = 17)
- Confirmed Equine WNV (Total = 2)
- ◆ Confirmed EEEV Bird (Total = 2)
- ▨ Seven Positive Humans With Locally Acquired Malaria
- ▨ One Positive Human With Locally Acquired EEEV
- ▨ One Positive Human With Locally Acquired WNV
- ▨ Six Positive Humans With Locally Acquired WNV
- ▨ One Positive Human With Locally Acquired Dengue
- ▨ Four Positive Humans With Locally Acquired Dengue
- ▨ Nineteen Positive Humans With Locally Acquired Dengue
- ▨ One Hundred and Sixty-One Positive Humans With Locally Acquired Dengue

2024 Mosquito-Borne Disease Activity by County

County	Humans	Equines	Sentinel Chickens	Other
Brevard			1 WNV (1/3)	
Citrus			4 WNV (1/9, 1/15) 3 EEEV (1/9, 1/15)	
Miami-Dade	1 dengue (January)			
Pasco	1 dengue (January)			

2023 Mosquito-Borne Disease Activity by County

County	Humans	Equines	Sentinel Chickens	Other
Alachua			8 EEEV (6/19, 7/17, 8/1, 8/9, 8/23, 10/19) 4 WNV (10/9, 11/14)	
Baker		1 EEEV (5/5)		
Bay	1 WNV asymptomatic blood donor (August)		6 EEEV (5/15, 5/22, 5/30, 6/12) 14 WNV (7/17, 7/31, 8/21, 8/24, 9/11, 9/18, 10/2, 10/16)	
Brevard	1 WNV (October)		1 EEEV (3/24) 4 WNV (8/3, 10/5, 10/19)	
Broward	4 dengue (July (2), August, September)			
Citrus			3 EEEV (4/24, 11/6, 11/14) 3 WNV (10/16, 12/4)	
Duval			12 WNV (7/17, 9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/9)	
Escambia	6 WNV (July (2), August (3), December)			
Hardee	19 dengue (July, September (2), October (10), November (4), December (2))			1 dengue 1 mosquito (<i>Ae. aegypti</i> 11/20)
Hernando		1 WNV (1/6)	1 SLEV (10/16) 1 WNV (11/20)	
Hillsborough	1 WNV asymptomatic blood donor (August)		4 WNV (2/28, 3/7, 5/2, 11/6) 1 HJV (7/18)	
Indian River			2 SLEV (11/30)	
Jackson		1 EEEV (7/28)		
Jefferson		2 EEEV (6/22, 6/30)		
Lake		2 EEEV (1/29, 12/11)		
Lee			1 EEEV (1/9) 1 SLEV (10/9) 1 WNV (10/16)	
Leon			8 EEEV (7/6, 8/1, 8/7, 8/22, 9/19, 10/2, 10/31) 5 WNV (8/7, 8/15, 9/19, 10/2)	
Levy		1 EEEV (10/8)		
Marion		1 EEEV (11/21)		
Martin			1 EEEV (8/4) 2 WNV (10/6, 10/13)	
Miami-Dade	161 dengue (January, March, June (3), July (6), August (18), September (46), October (63), November (18), December (5))			

County	Humans	Equines	Sentinel Chickens	Other
Nassau			48 EEEV (6/2, 6/16, 6/23, 7/7, 7/15, 7/21, 8/11, 8/18, 8/31, 9/8, 9/15, 9/22, 9/29, 10/14, 10/20, 10/27, 11/17) 55 WNV (8/4, 8/11, 8/18, 8/31, 9/8, 9/22, 9/29, 10/7, 10/14, 10/20, 10/27, 11/3, 11/10)	1 EEEV sparrow (6/24)
Okaloosa	1 WNV (September)			
Orange			4 WNV (2/20, 7/10, 8/28, 10/2) 23 EEEV (1/17, 2/20, 2/27, 4/10, 4/24, 5/1, 5/15, 5/30, 6/5, 7/10, 7/17, 8/1, 10/2, 11/19, 11/20, 12/4, 12/11) 1 HJV (5/8)	
Palm Beach	1 dengue (September)	1 WNV (10/4)	11 WNV (4/18, 9/1, 9/18, 9/25, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 11/14)	
Pasco			1 EEEV (4/24) 1 SLEV (11/6)	
Pinellas			1 WNV (12/4) 1 SLEV (12/18)	
Polk	1 dengue (July)	2 EEEV (4/7, 4/10)	4 EEEV (5/22, 5/26, 7/24, 10/23)	
Putnam		1 EEEV (7/31)		
Santa Rosa				1 WNV pheasant (8/29)
Sarasota	7 malaria (May, June (5), July) 1 WNV (September)		2 WNV (9/15, 10/17)	3 <i>Plasmodium vivax</i> mosquitoes (<i>Anopheles crucians</i> [6/1, 6/2, 6/5])
Seminole			2 WNV (9/11, 9/26)	
St. Johns	1 EEE (June)	2 EEEV (2/2, 7/6)	5 EEEV (6/12, 6/26, 7/31, 8/21) 58 WNV (7/5, 7/10, 7/17 7/31, 8/7, 8/14, 8/21, 8/28, 9/5, 9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6) 1 SLEV (10/30)	
Suwanee	1 EEE (July)	1 EEEV (8/21)		
Volusia		1 EEEV (12/12)	8 EEEV (1/17, 1/23, 1/30, 4/10, 4/17, 6/12, 7/17) 12 WNV (7/3, 8/14, 9/5, 9/11, 9/25, 10/2, 10/30, 11/6, 11/13) 1 SLEV (9/25)	
Wakulla	1 WNV (October)			1 EEEV laughing gull (8/1)
Walton	1 WNV asymptomatic blood donor (September)		62 WNV (3/27, 7/24, 7/31, 8/7, 8/8, 8/14, 8/15, 8/21, 8/22, 8/28, 8/30, 9/11, 9/12, 9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/3, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 10/31, 11/6, 11/14, 11/27, 11/28, 12/4) 38 EEEV (4/3, 4/10, 5/8, 5/30, 6/5, 6/12, 6/19, 6/26, 6/28, 7/3, 7/11, 7/17, 7/24, 8/8, 8/14, 9/26) 6 HJV (5/8, 5/22, 6/12, 8/21) 1 SLEV (7/31)	

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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.