



## Florida Arbovirus Surveillance Week 20: May 15-21, 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 May 15-21, 2022, the following arboviral activity was recorded in Florida.

**WNV activity:** No human cases of WNV infection were reported this week. No horses with WNV infection were reported this week. No sentinel chickens tested positive for antibodies to WNV this week. In 2022, 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 2022, one positive sample has been reported from one county.

**Flavivirus (WNV or SLEV)\* activity:** No sentinel chickens tested positive for antibodies to a flavivirus this week. In 2022, positive samples from two sentinel chickens have been reported from two counties.

**EEEV activity:** No human cases of EEEV infection were reported this week. One horse with EEEV infection was reported this week in Columbia County. One sentinel chicken tested positive for antibodies to EEEV this week in Walton County. In 2022, positive samples from 17 sentinel chickens and one horse have been reported from 10 counties.

**International Travel-Associated Dengue Fever:** One case of dengue fever was reported this week in a person that had international travel. In 2022, 23 travel-associated dengue fever cases have been reported.

**Dengue Fever Cases Acquired in Florida:** No cases of locally acquired dengue fever were reported this week. In 2022, 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 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:** No 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	Malaria
Africa and the Middle East	Americas	Asia and the Pacific Islands	Africa and the Middle East	Africa and the Middle East
Kenya	Argentina	Bangladesh	Ghana	Burundi
Reunion	Belize	India	Nigeria	
	Colombia	Pakistan		
	Dominican Republic	Sri Lanka		
	El Salvador	Timor-Leste (East Timor)		
	French Guiana			
	Peru			

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

## 2022 Human Case Summary

**International Travel-Associated Dengue Fever Cases:** Twenty-three 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: Broward, Hillsborough (2), Manatee, Miami-Dade (16), Palm Beach, Pinellas, and Polk. One case was reported in a non-Florida resident. In 2022, 21 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-4	Unknown	Total
Brazil	1				1
Colombia	2				2
Cuba	5	8		2	15
El Salvador	1				1
Honduras			1		1
Mexico	1				1
Panama	1				1
Puerto Rico	1				1
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>23</b>

**International Travel-Associated Malaria Cases:** Twenty-two cases of malaria with onset in 2022 have been reported. Countries of origin were: Brazil (3), Ethiopia, Equatorial Guinea, Kenya, Nicaragua (3), Nigeria (7), Sierra Leone (2), Sudan, Uganda (2), and Zambia. Counties reporting cases were: Broward (3), Duval (3), Flagler, Hillsborough (3), Lee (3), Leon, Miami-Dade (2), Orange (2), Palm Beach (2), Santa Rosa, and St. Johns. Four cases were reported in non-Florida residents.

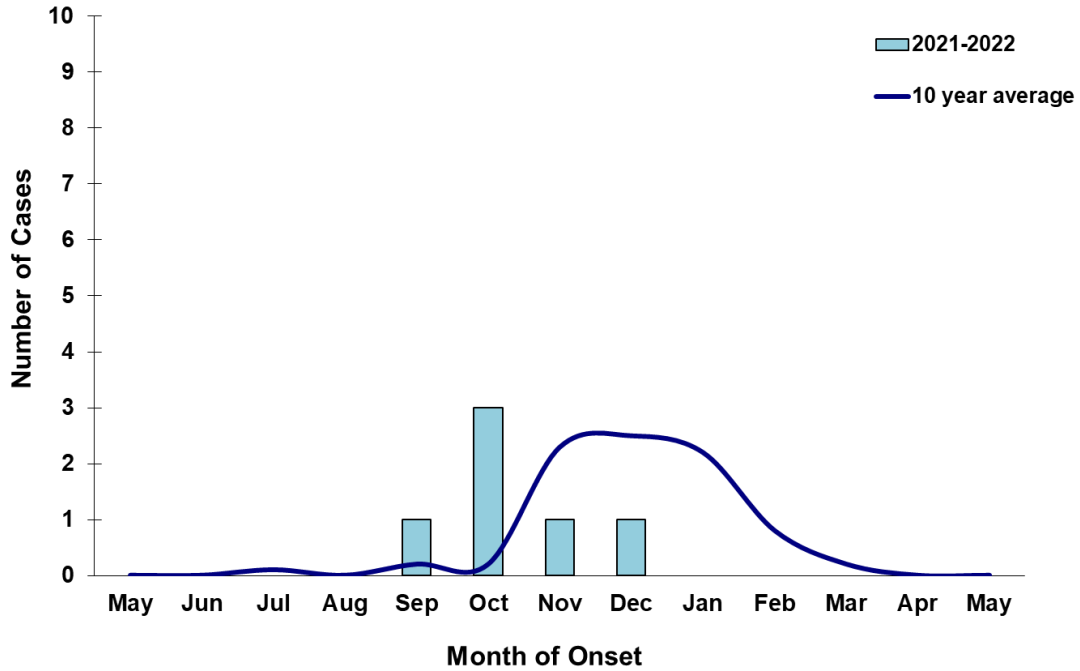
Twelve cases (55%) were diagnosed with *Plasmodium falciparum*. Eight cases (36%) were diagnosed with *Plasmodium vivax*. Two cases (9%) were diagnosed with *Plasmodium malariae*.

## Veterinary Cases\*\*

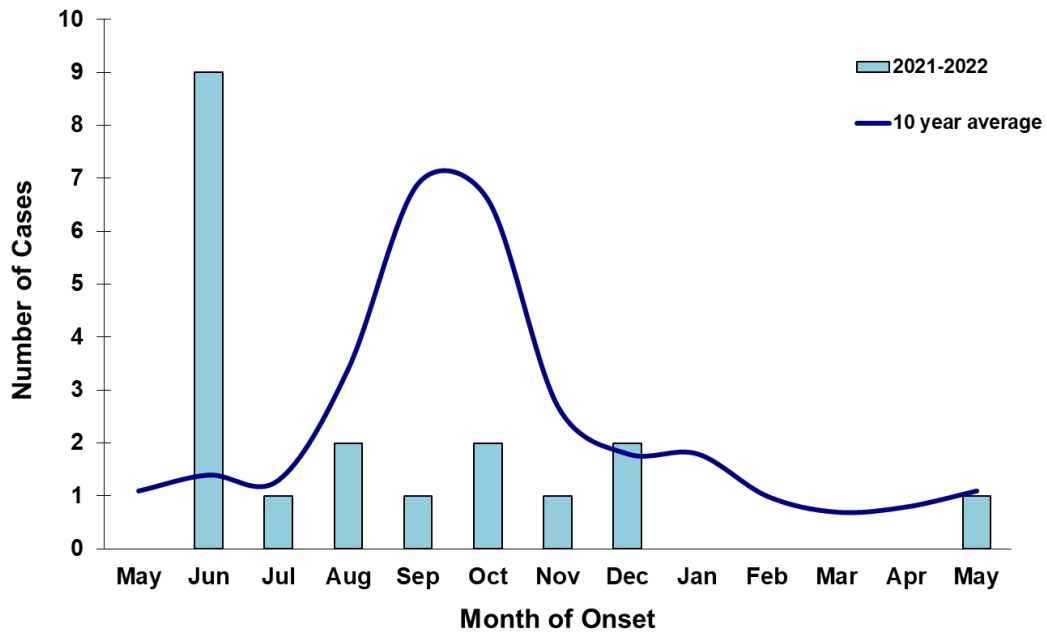
\*\*Veterinary cases are reported by date of onset. Only mammalian veterinary cases are included in the graphs.

One horse with EEEV infection was reported this week in Columbia County.

### Veterinary WNV Disease in Florida, May 2021-2022



### Veterinary EEEV Disease in Florida, May 2021-2022



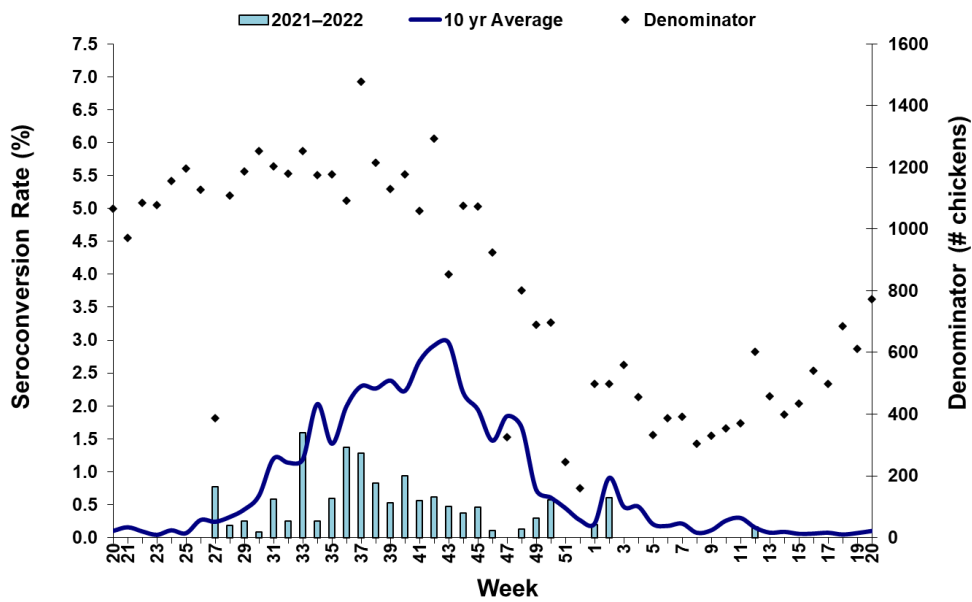
## Sentinel Chickens

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.

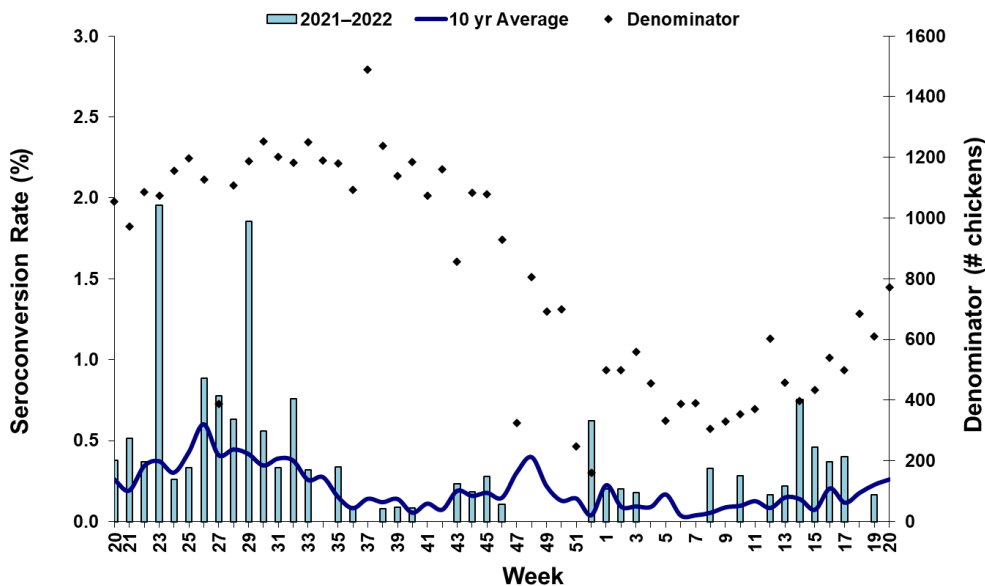
One sentinel chicken tested positive for antibodies to EEEV this week in Walton County.

County	Collection Date	Seroconversion Rates (%)						County Totals	
		Flavi	SLEV	WNV	Alpha	EEEV	HJV	Collection Week	YTD
Walton	5/9/2022				1.04	1.04		1 EEEV	3 EEEV, 1 SLEV, 2 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

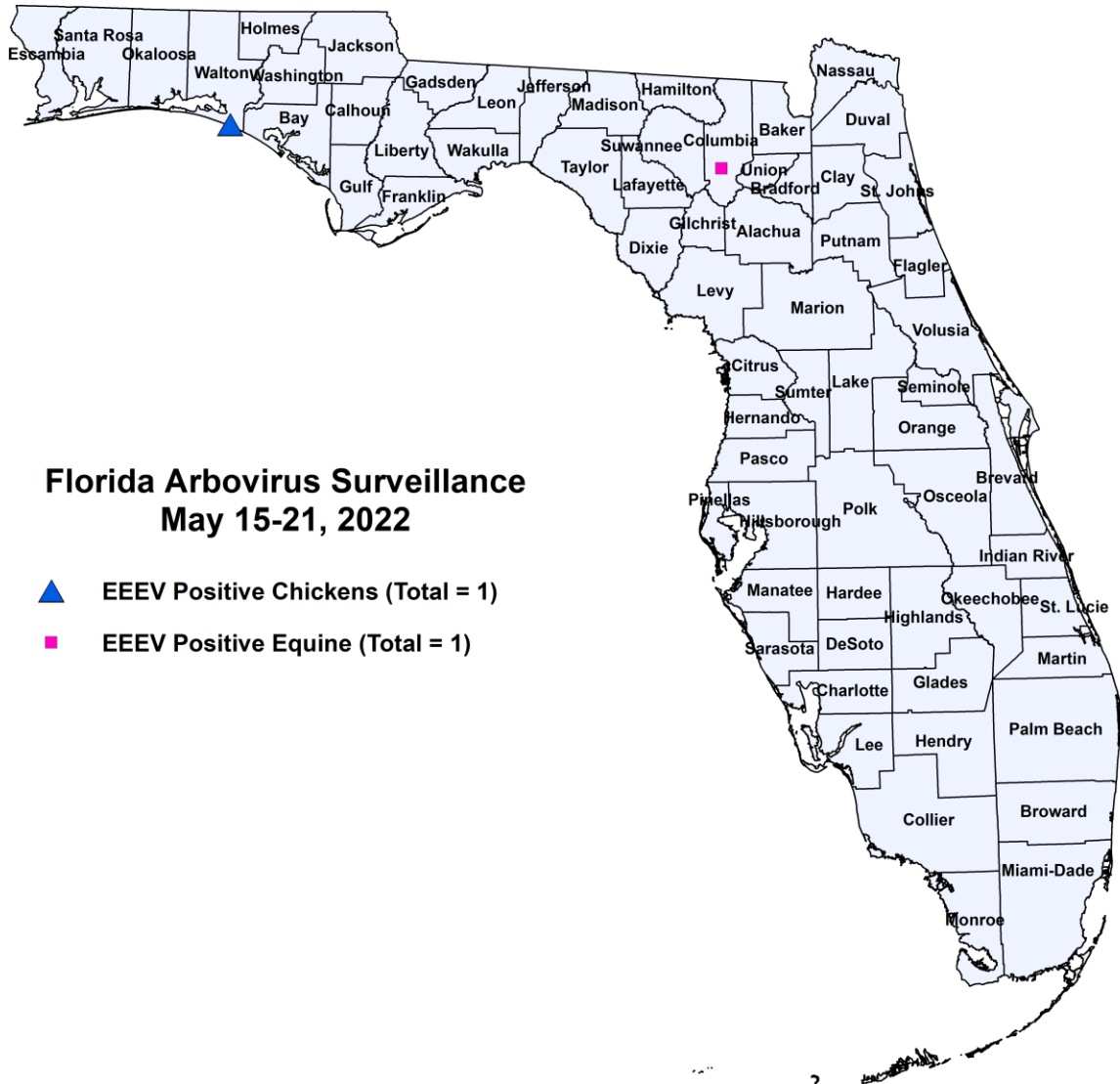
## Dead Birds

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, 49 reports representing a total of 96 dead birds, including 3 crows, 9 raptors, and 4 doves, were received from 23 counties.

In 2022, 732 reports representing a total of 1780 dead birds (69 crows, 18 jays, 101 raptors, 38 doves) were received from 52 of Florida's 67 counties.

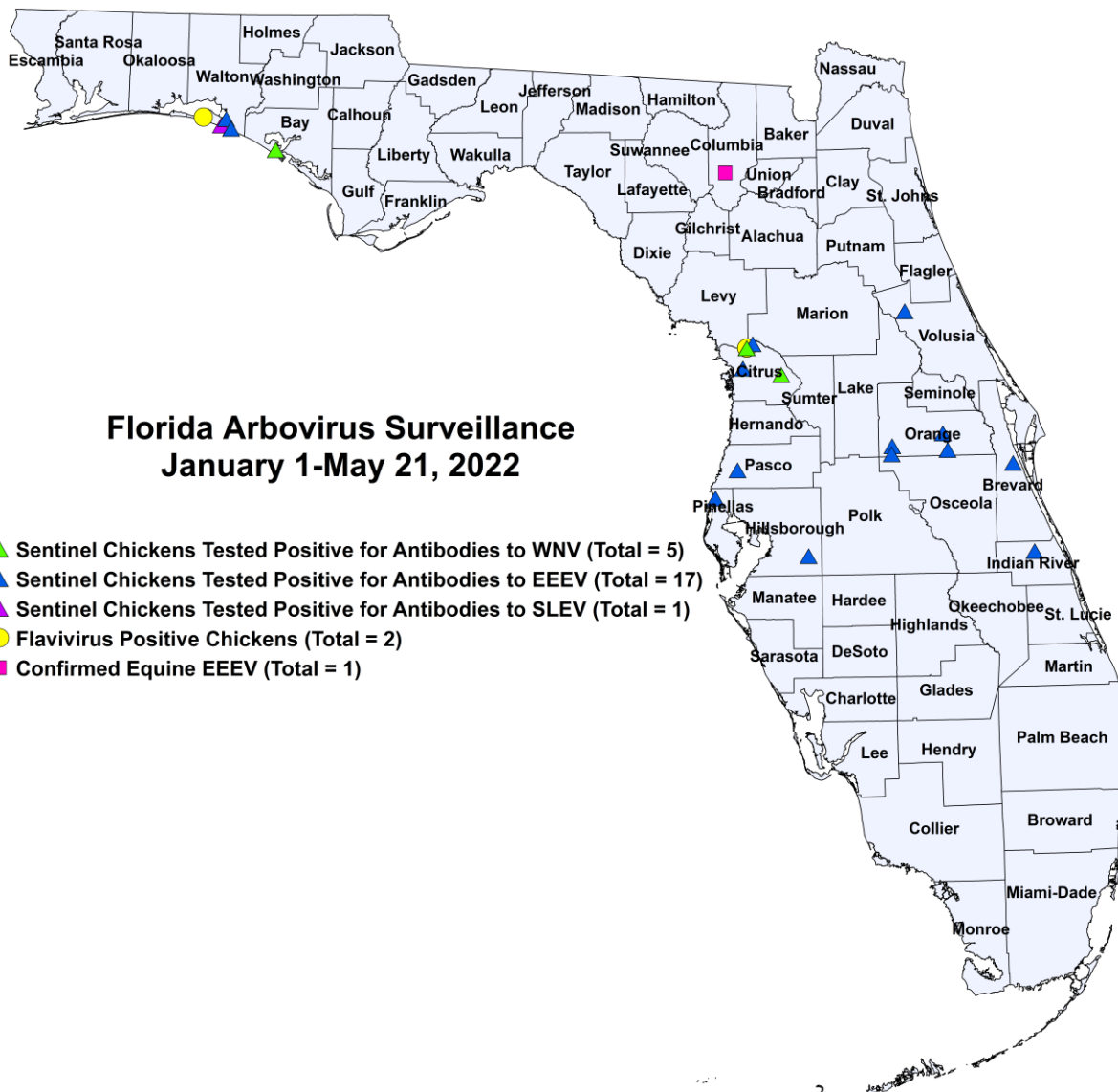
### 2022

County	Total Dead Birds	Crows	Jays	Raptors	Doves
Alachua	2	0	0	0	0
Brevard	25	0	0	3	0
Charlotte	1	1	0	0	0
Citrus	4	0	0	1	0
Collier	1	0	0	0	0
DeSoto	1	0	0	0	0
Escambia	6	0	0	0	0
Hillsborough	3	1	0	0	0
Indian River	1	0	0	0	0
Lee	1	0	0	1	0
Leon	1	0	0	0	0
Levy	1	1	0	0	0
Miami-Dade	1	0	0	0	1
Orange	1	0	0	0	0
Osceola	1	0	0	0	1
Palm Beach	1	0	0	0	1
Pasco	3	0	0	0	0
Pinellas	29	0	0	1	1
Polk	2	0	0	1	0
Sarasota	1	0	0	0	0
Seminole	8	0	0	1	0
Taylor	1	0	0	1	0
Walton	1	0	0	0	0



**Florida Arbovirus Surveillance  
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- ▲ EEEV Positive Chickens (Total = 1)
- EEEV Positive Equine (Total = 1)



**2022 Arbovirus Activity by County**

County	Humans	Equines	Sentinel Chickens	Other
Bay			1 WNV (3/21)	
Brevard			1 EEEV (4/7)	
Citrus			4 WNV (1/4, 1/11) 4 EEEV (1/11, 1/18, 4/19) 1 Flavivirus (1/25)	
Columbia		1 EEEV (5/9)		
Hillsborough			1 EEEV (3/23)	
Indian River			1 EEEV (4/28)	
Orange			4 EEEV (1/3, 3/28, 4/11, 4/25)	
Pasco			1 EEEV (4/11)	
Pinellas			1 EEEV (3/7)	
Volusia			1 EEEV (2/21)	
Walton			3 EEEV (4/4, 5/9) 1 SLEV (3/21) 1 Flavivirus (3/21)	

\*Two 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](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.