



Florida Arbovirus Surveillance Week 23: May 31-June 6, 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 31-June 6, 2020, the following arboviral activity was recorded in Florida.

[Due to increased testing needs in response to COVID-19, the Florida Department of Health had temporarily suspended testing of sentinel chickens and mosquito pools. Sentinel chicken testing will be reinstated this week.](#)

WNV activity: No human cases of WNV infection were reported this week. No horses with WNV infection were reported this week. In 2020, two blood donors 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. One duck with EEEV infection was reported this week in Baker County. In 2020, 12 sentinel chickens, three horses, one duck, and one mosquito pool have been reported from seven counties.

International Travel-Associated Dengue Fever Cases: No cases of dengue fever were reported this week in persons that had international travel. In 2020, 28 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. For a map of arboviral disease activity in the United States visit: www.cdc.gov/arbovet/maps/ADB_Diseases_Map/index.html.

2020 Human Case Summary*

West Nile Virus Illnesses Acquired in Florida: Two asymptomatic positive blood donors have been reported in 2020 from Miami-Dade County (May).

International Travel-Associated Dengue Fever Cases: Twenty-eight 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 (11), Orange, Palm Beach, Sarasota, Seminole, and St. Lucie. Four cases were reported in non-Florida residents. In 2020, eighteen 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
Antigua and Barbuda			1				1
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
Total	9	3	4	1	1	10	28

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

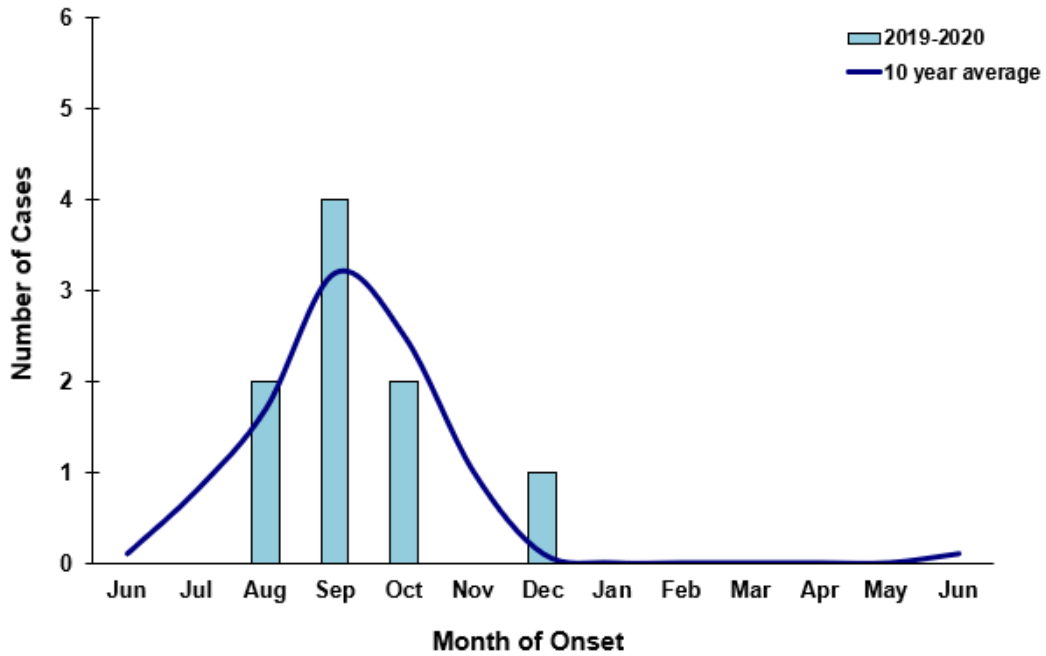
Five cases (63%) were diagnosed with *Plasmodium falciparum*. Two cases (25%) were diagnosed with *Plasmodium vivax*. The *Plasmodium* species for one case (12%) was unknown due to low parasitemia.

Veterinary Cases*

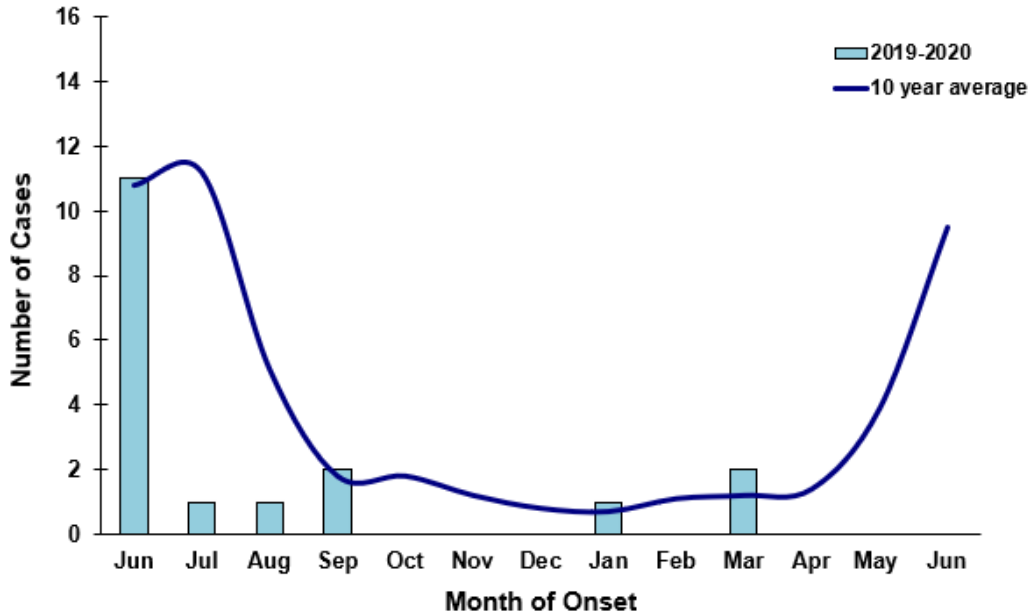
*Veterinary cases are reported by date of onset. Only mammalian veterinary cases are included in the graphs.

One duck with EEEV infection was reported this week in Baker County.

Veterinary WNV Disease in Florida, June 2019-2020



Veterinary EEEV Disease in Florida, June 2019-2020

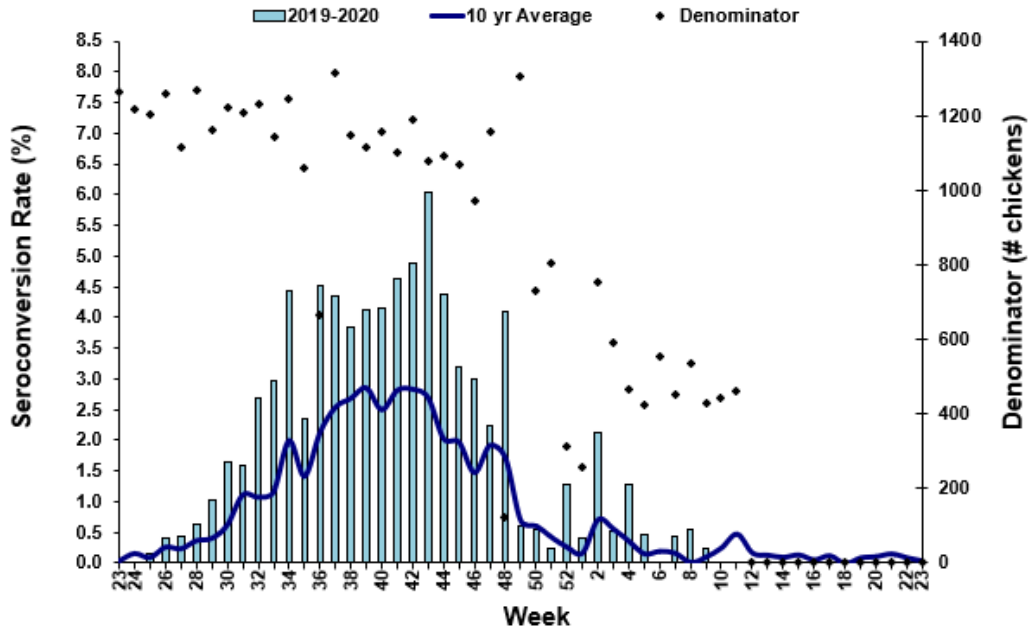


Sentinel Chickens*

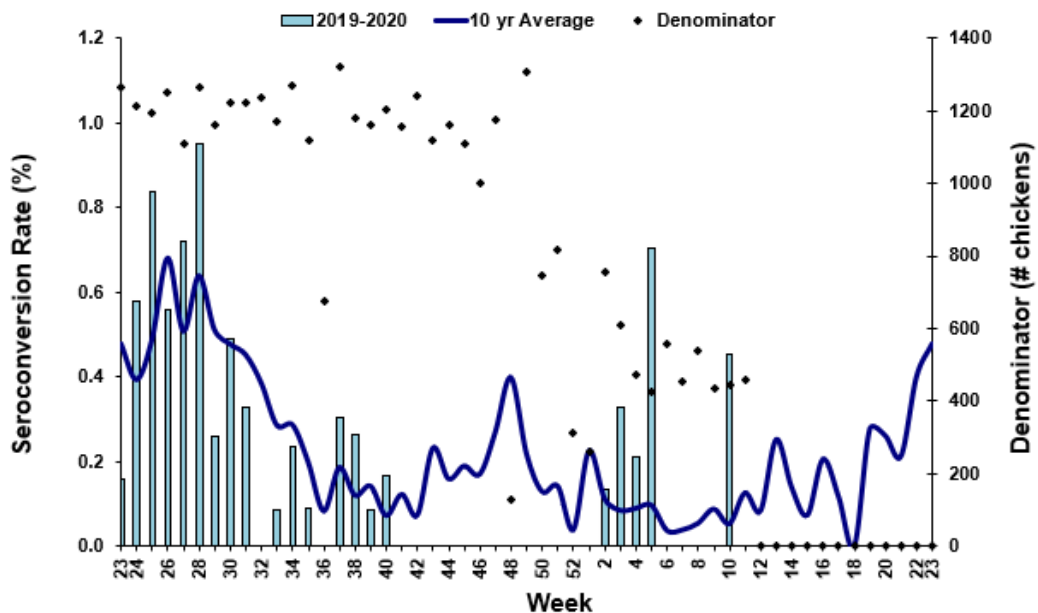
The table below is for the reporting of confirmatory laboratory results from this week. Some of the samples were collected at earlier dates. The date of collection is recorded for samples collected on that day along with the total number of positives and the corresponding seroconversion rate for the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

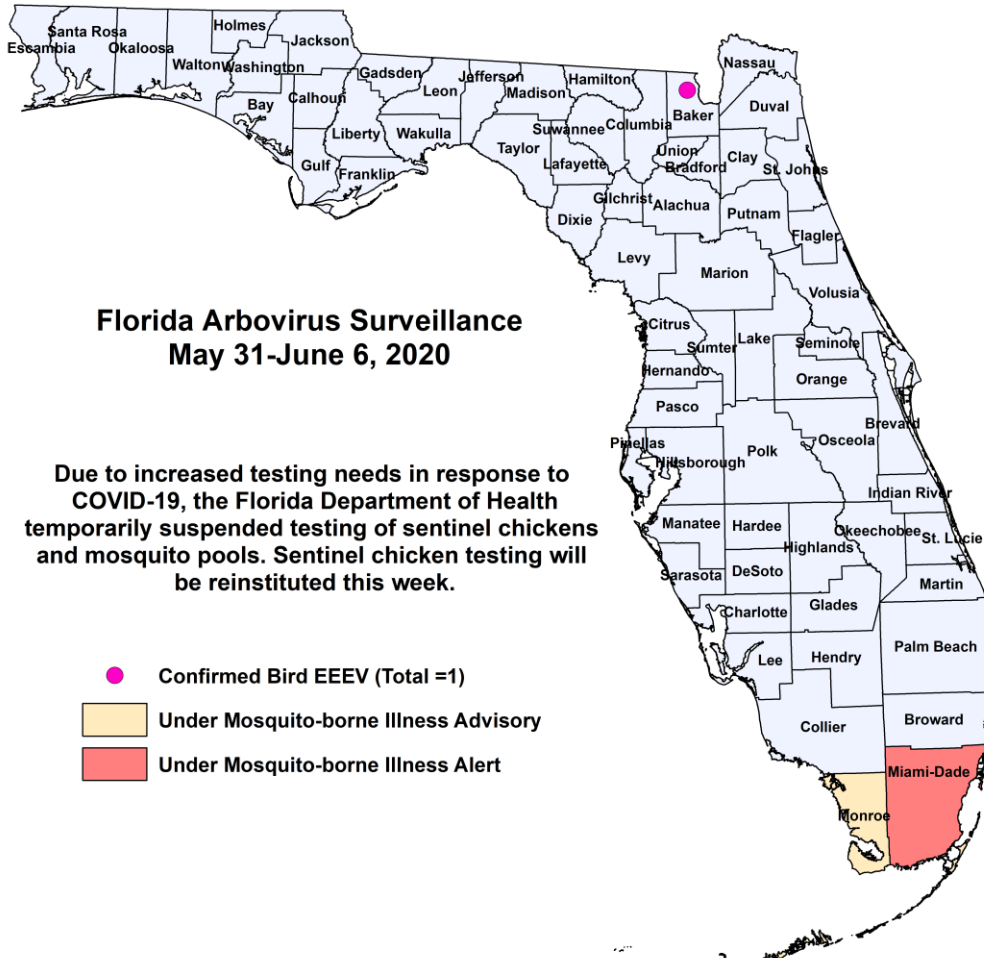
The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) collects reports of dead birds, which can be an indication of arbovirus circulation in an area. This week, four reports representing a total of five dead birds, including one jay, three raptors, and one dove, were received from three counties.

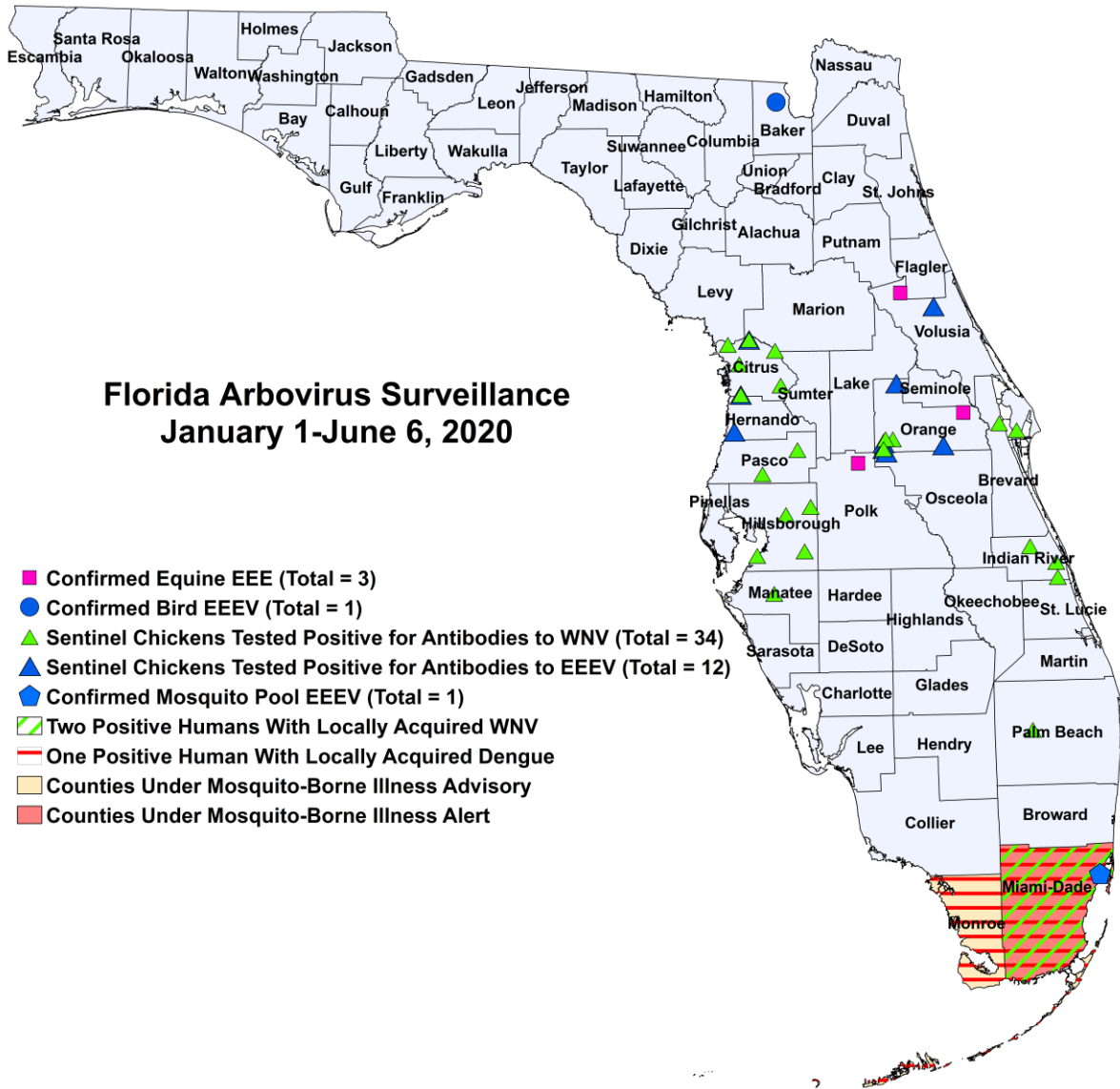
In 2020, 200 reports representing a total of 508 dead birds (36 crows, 19 jays, 54 raptors, 24 doves) were received from 39 of Florida's 67 counties.

2020

County	Total Dead Birds	Crows	Jays	Raptors	Doves
Martin	1	0	0	1	0
Miami-Dade	2	0	1	0	1
St. Johns	2	0	0	2	0

Maps





Florida Arbovirus Surveillance January 1-June 6, 2020

- Confirmed Equine EEE (Total = 3)
- Confirmed Bird EEEV (Total = 1)
- ▲ 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)
- ▨ Two Positive Humans 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
Baker	EEEV: 1 bird (5/7)
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: 2 asymptomatic blood donors (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

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.