Arbovirus* Activity, Including West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis: Weekly Summary, Michigan 2024

*Arboviruses are viruses transmitted by mosquitoes or other insects

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Animals testing positive for West Nile virus infection



Human cases of West Nile virus or other arboviruses reported

2024 Michigan Arbovirus Surveillance	
Total Number of Mosquito Pools Tested	2,544
Total Number of Mosquitoes Tested	43,414
Positive Mosquito Pools	29
WNV-positive pools	17
JCV-positive pools	12
Animal Arbovirus cases	10
Human Arbovirus cases	1

Highlights

- So far in 2024,
 - One resident of Livingston County has been sickened by West Nile virus.
 - Ten birds from Delta (2), Grand Traverse, Jackson, Lenawee, Luce, Marquette, Mason, Saginaw, and Washtenaw counties have tested positive for West Nile virus.
 - Seventeen mosquito pools from Bay (9), Kent (4), Ottawa (1), Saginaw (1), and St. Clair (2) counties have tested positive for West Nile virus.
 - Twelve mosquito pools from Bay (3), Calhoun, Dickinson, Kent, and Saginaw (6) counties have tested positive for Jamestown Canyon virus.



Michigan Department of Health & Human Services Bureau of Epidemiology & Population Health Emerging & Zoonotic Infectious Diseases (EZID) Section For more information
www.michigan.gov/westnile

Preventing Mosquito Bites and Arboviruses: **Tips for Michigan Residents**

The most effective way to avoid arboviruses is to prevent mosquito bites. Be aware of the West Nile virus and other arbovirus activity in your area and take action to protect yourself and your family.



Use Insect Repellent

Use Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered insect repellents with one of the active ingredients below. When used as directed, EPA-registered insect repellents are proven safe and effective, even for pregnant and breastfeeding women.

DEET

• Oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE)

PicaridinIR3535

- or para menthane-diol (PMD)
- 2-undecanone

Find the insect repellent that's right for you by using EPA's search tool



Tips for Babies & Children

- Always follow instructions when applying insect repellent to children.
- Do not use insect repellent on babies younger than 2 months old.
- Do not apply insect repellent onto a child's hands, eyes, mouth, and cut or irritated skin.
 - Adults: Spray insect repellent onto your hands and then apply to a child's face.
- Do not use products containing oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE) or para-menthanediol (PMD) on children under 3 years old.



Take steps to control mosquitoes inside and outside your home

- Use screens on windows and doors. Repair holes in screens to keep mosquitoes outside.
- Once a week, eliminate potential breeding areas for mosquitoes. Check inside and outside your home. Mosquitoes lay eggs on or near water:
 - Discard old tires, tin cans, ceramic pots or other containers that can hold water
 - Repair failed septic systems
 - Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers left outdoors
 - Keep grass cut short and shrubbery trimmed
 - Clean clogged roof gutters, particularly if leaves tend to plug up the drains
 - Frequently replace the water in pet bowls
 - Flush ornamental fountains and birdbaths periodically; aerate ornamental pools, or stock them with predatory fish.

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or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Website <u>www.cdc.gov/west-nile-virus/</u>