

## Massachusetts Department of Public Health Arbovirus Surveillance Program Report

### Key Public Risk Communication Messages for This Week:

The first West Nile virus positive mosquitoes were collected from Richmond on June 27, 2017. The current warm weather and pattern of precipitation events are likely to support increased mosquito populations, especially those most likely to spread West Nile virus. Residents should be urged to avoid mosquito bites regardless of where they live. Check your risk levels throughout the season by going to the website [www.mass.gov/dph/mosquito](http://www.mass.gov/dph/mosquito).

### Establish good mosquito avoidance habits now

<b>• Teach children to be aware of mosquito activity around them and avoid it</b>	
<b>• Pick a repellent with an EPA-approved active ingredient</b>	<b>• Use long sleeves to cover up when possible</b>
<b>• Remove standing water to help reduce mosquito populations</b>	<b>• Repair screens</b>

Remember that several 30 second PSA videos are available for download and use on your website to help promote prevention activities to your residents. These can be found at [www.mass.gov/mosquitoesandticks](http://www.mass.gov/mosquitoesandticks)

**NOTE:** Zika virus continues to be spread in Africa, the Caribbean, Mexico, India, and Central and South America. The mosquitoes that spread this disease are active during the day.

Travelers who are pregnant or part of a couple planning on becoming pregnant soon are advised not to travel to areas with ongoing Zika virus transmission. The most current information about locations at risk can be found here <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/geo/active-countries.html>. If residents choose to travel, prevent mosquito exposure by: using EPA registered mosquito repellents, cover exposed skin by wearing long-sleeved shirts and pants, stay in places with screens and air-conditioning, or sleep under mosquito netting.

In order to avoid sexual transmission of Zika virus from a partner who has recently traveled to an area where Zika transmission is occurring, abstain from sexual contact or use condoms consistently and correctly during all sexual activity. Talk to your healthcare provider for more information.

<b>WNV and EEE Virus Surveillance Summary</b>	
Results contained in this report reflect data inclusive of MMWR Week 26 (Sunday, 06/25/2017– Saturday, 07/1/2017)	
<b>Mosquito Surveillance</b>	
<b>Number of Mosquito Pools Tested</b>	<b>564</b>
<b>Number of WNV Positive Pools</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Number of EEE Positive Pools</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Equine/Mammal Surveillance</b>	
<b>Number of Mammal Specimens Tested</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Number of WNV Positive Horses</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>Number of EEE Positive Horses</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Number of other EEE Positive Mammals</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Human Surveillance</b>	
<b>Number of Human Specimens Tested</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Number of Human WNV Cases</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Number of Human EEE Cases</b>	<b>0</b>

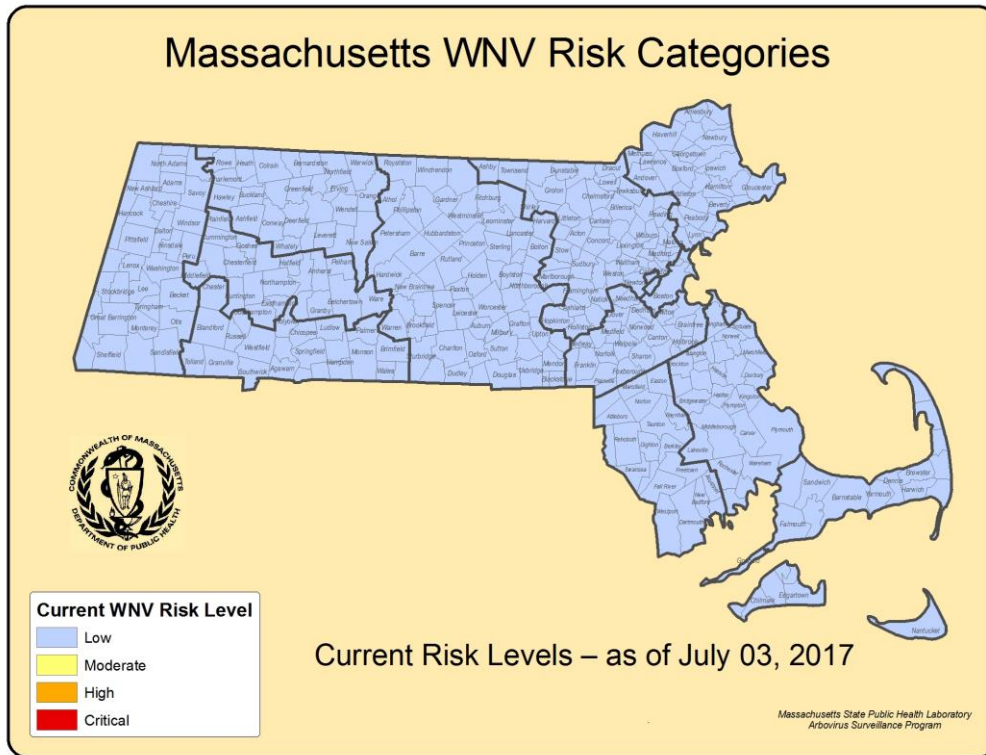
<b>Summary of 2017 Mosquito Samples Tested Massachusetts State Public Health Laboratory</b>												
<b>M MWR Week: (Specimens Tested)</b>	<b>Berkshire County MCP</b>	<b>Bristol County MCP</b>	<b>Cape Cod MCP</b>	<b>Central MA MCP</b>	<b>Dukes County MCP</b>	<b>East Middlesex MCP</b>	<b>Norfolk County MCP</b>	<b>Northeast MA MCP</b>	<b>Plymouth County MCP</b>	<b>SLI</b>	<b>Suffolk County MCP</b>	<b>Total Tested</b>
<b>24 (6/11-6/17/2017)</b>	3	7	23	38	0	0	0	15	10	7	0	103
<b>25 (6/18-6/24/2017)</b>	2	19	16	81	0	0	12	10	7	97	0	244
<b>25 (6/25-7/1/2017)</b>	21	25	18	79	0	0	12	8	10	44	0	217
<b>Total</b>	26	51	57	198	0	0	24	33	27	148	0	564

Numbers reflect finalized results; data are subject to change as additional test results are finalized

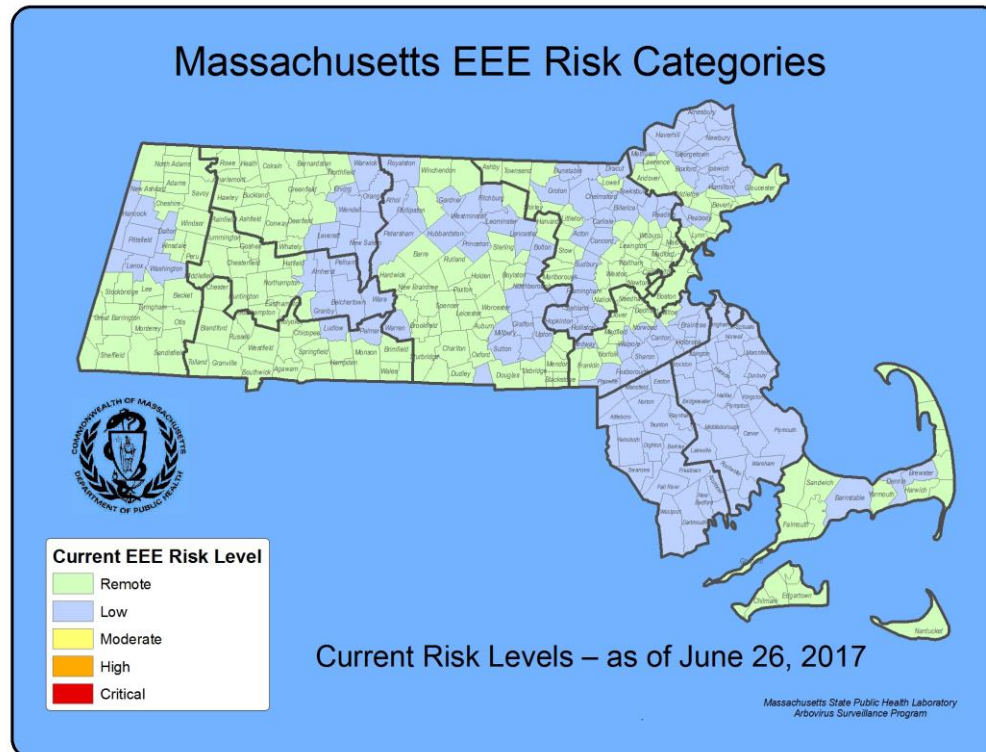
**Cumulative Confirmed and Probable Human Chikungunya Virus Infections and Dengue Fever Cases  
Reported in Massachusetts by County of Residence, 2017**  
(these data are current as of 07/03/2017 and are subject to change)

<b>County</b>	<b>Chikungunya virus infection</b>	<b>Dengue Fever</b>
<b>Barnstable</b>	0	0
<b>Berkshire</b>	0	0
<b>Bristol</b>	0	0
<b>Dukes</b>	0	0
<b>Essex</b>	0	0
<b>Franklin</b>	0	0
<b>Hampden</b>	0	0
<b>Hampshire</b>	0	0
<b>Middlesex</b>	0	1
<b>Nantucket</b>	0	0
<b>Norfolk</b>	0	0
<b>Plymouth</b>	0	0
<b>Suffolk</b>	0	0
<b>Worcester</b>	0	0
<b>Total</b>	0	1

**Note:** Although local transmission of the mosquito-borne viruses dengue or chikungunya is extremely unlikely at this time due to limited establishment of populations of *Aedes albopictus*, surveillance for cases of human infection with these diseases is occurring. All confirmed and probable cases listed below were travel-acquired unless otherwise noted.



**Figure 1: Current WNV Risk Categories as described in Table 1 of the 2017 MDPH Surveillance and Response Plan**



**Figure 2: Current EEE Risk Categories as described in Table 2 of the 2017 MDPH Surveillance and Response Plan**