



Purpose: This report serves as the official statement of West Nile Virus activity in humans, mosquitoes, and birds within the jurisdiction of the Cook County Department of Public Health. All data are preliminary and may change as more reports are received.

Risk Assessment: The risk of human West Nile Virus infection is **increasing**.

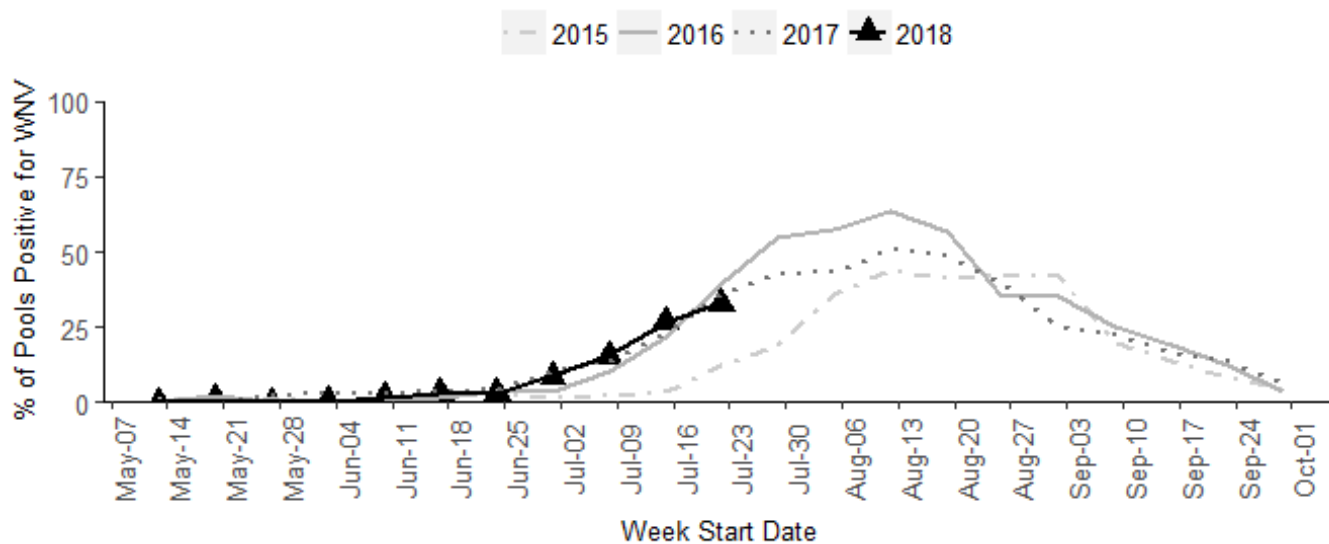
Prevention: When outdoors between dusk and dawn, cover skin with lightly colored loose fitting clothing and use mosquito repellent with DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus. When applying repellent, always follow the directions on the product label. Get rid of standing water around your home in pet bowls, flower pots, old tires, baby pools and toys. Water that is allowed to stagnate for three or four days becomes a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Make sure your doors and windows have tightly fitting screens and repair any tears or other openings. Keep weeds and grass cut short and keep gutters clean and free of debris.

Mosquito¹ Surveillance:

Weekly Summary	Week 29	
Number of mosquitoes tested	11677	
Number of mosquito pools tested	288	
Number of positive pools	77	
Percent of pools testing positive	26.7%	
Number of communities with positive pools	33	

Year To Date Summary	3 Year Average	2018
Number of mosquitoes tested	110851	105808
Number of mosquito pools tested	2474	2731
Number of positive pools	148	202
Percent of pools testing positive	6%	7.4%
Number of communities with positive pools	40	50

Percent of Mosquito Pools Positive for West Nile Virus





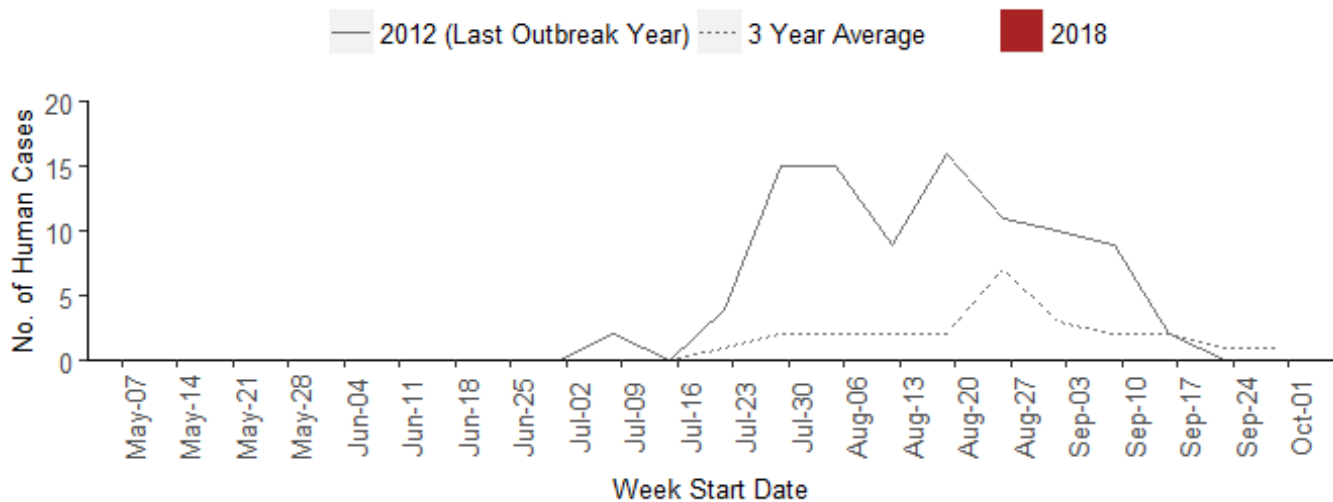
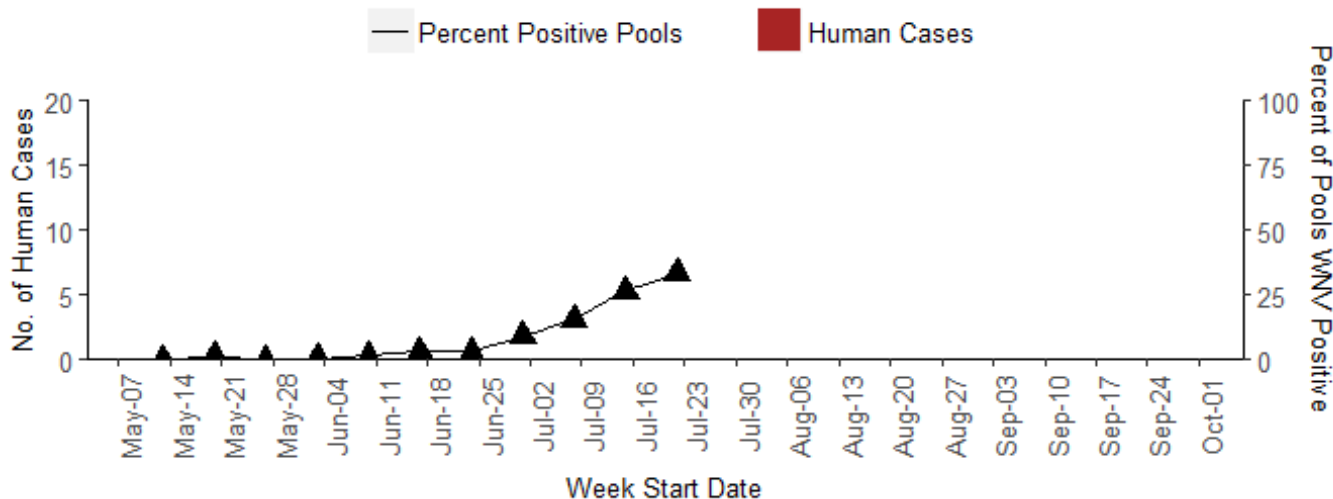
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1. Includes mosquito surveillance data from Cook County Department of Public Health, North West Mosquito Abatement District, North Shore Mosquito Abatement District, Des Plaines Valley Mosquito Abatement District, South Cook County Mosquito Abatement District, and the Illinois Department of Public Health.
2. When mosquitoes are tested for West Nile Virus, they are tested in groups, or "pools", of up to 50 mosquitoes. Therefore when a mosquito pool tests positive, the number of WNV positive mosquitoes in that pool is unknown. It is only known that at least one mosquito in the pool was positive.
3. See page 3.

Bird Surveillance:

Nine (n=9) birds have been submitted for testing and 7 have tested negative. One (n=1) bird tested positive from Northbrook. One (n=1) bird was untestable.

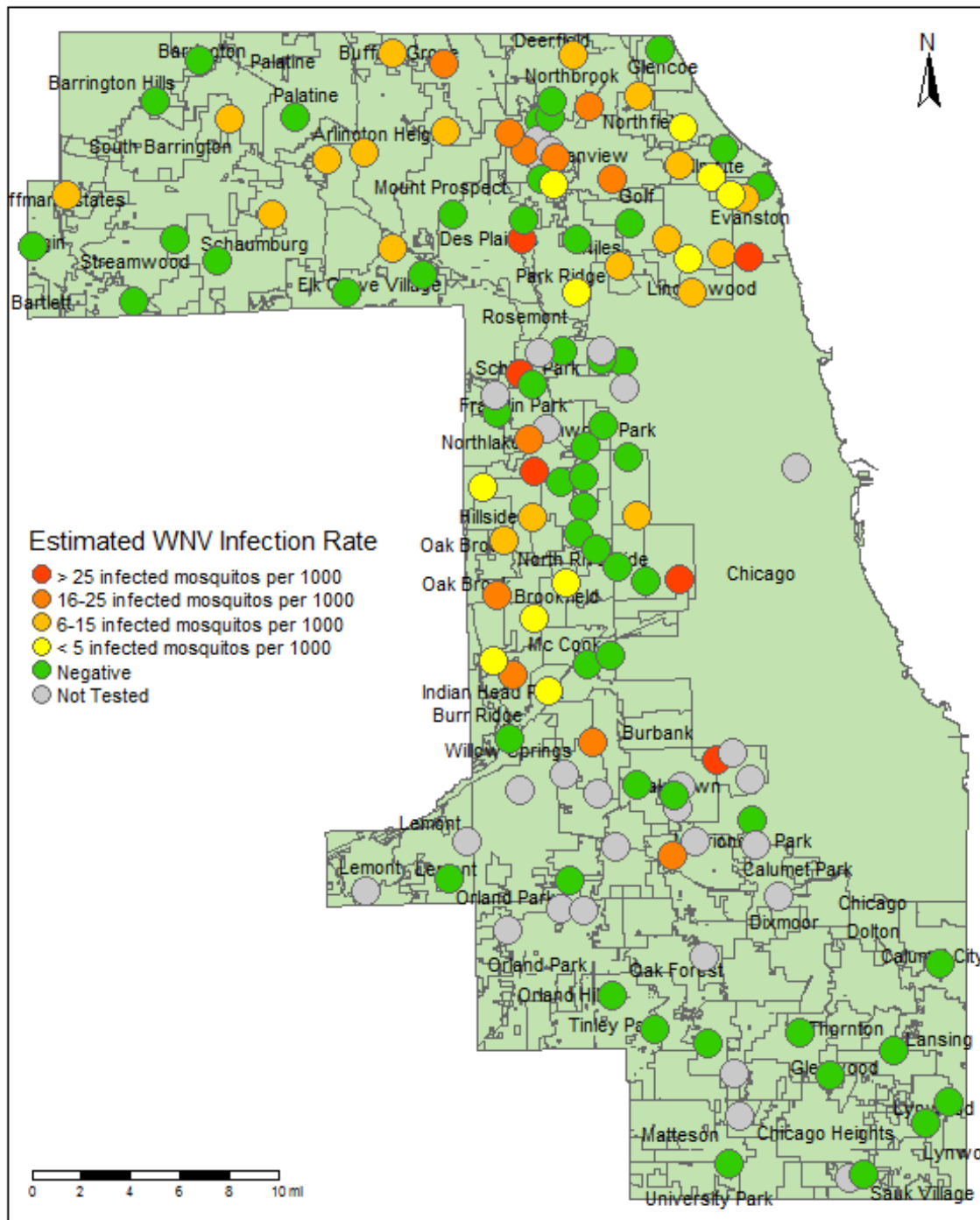
Human Case Surveillance: No human case of West Nile Virus has been reported thus far.



The following map shows mosquito traps in suburban Cook County. The estimated infection rate⁴ is a measurement of how much West Nile Virus activity is occurring in mosquitoes caught by that trap. Higher



numbers means more mosquitoes capable of spreading West Nile Virus.



- Estimated infection rate is calculated by dividing the number of positive mosquito pools by the total number of mosquitoes tested and multiplying by 1000. This is also called the minimum infection rate and is the most conservative estimate of West Nile Virus activity in mosquitoes.



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The following towns had traps that were positive for West Nile Virus this week: Alsip, Arlington Heights, Berkeley, Broadview, Brookfield, Buffalo Grove, Cicero, Des Plaines, Elk Grove Village, Evanston, Glenview, Hillside, Hodgkins, Hoffman Estates, Justice, La Grange, La Grange Highlands, La Grange Park, Lincolnwood, Melrose Park, Niles, Northbrook, Northfield, Oak Lawn, Oak Park, Park Ridge, Prospect Heights, Rolling Meadows, Schiller Park, Skokie, Wheeling, Wilmette, Winnetka.

The following towns have had traps positive for West Nile Virus at some point this season: Alsip, Arlington Heights, Berkeley, Broadview, Brookfield, Buffalo Grove, Chicago Ridge, Cicero, Country Club Hills, Des Plaines, Elk Grove Village, Elmwood Park, Evanston, Evergreen Park, Franklin Park, Glencoe, Glenview, Harwood Heights, Hillside, Hodgkins, Hoffman Estates, Justice, Kenilworth, La Grange, La Grange Highlands, La Grange Park, Lansing, Lincolnwood, Melrose Park, Morton Grove, Niles, Norridge, Northbrook, Northfield, Oak Lawn, Oak Park, Orland Park, Park Ridge, Prospect Heights, Richton Park, River Forest, Rolling Meadows, Schiller Park, Skokie, Summit, Tinley Park, Wheeling, Willow Springs, Wilmette, Winnetka.

Not all towns have mosquito traps so West Nile Virus activity may be unknown in your area. CCDPH recommends all residents practice good West Nile Virus prevention habits throughout the summer season.