



# Vector Borne Disease 2018 Surveillance Report

Summit County Public Health

Report Weeks 5 and 6 (June 24 to July 7, 2018)  
CDC Weeks 26 and 27



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This report will be issued from June through October of each year (or later if West Nile Virus disease is still a concern). Surveillance will include human and veterinary cases and testing of mosquito pools in Summit County. It will also include updates from Ohio and around the nation. It will include vector-borne diseases besides West Nile Virus.

## SUMMIT COUNTY SURVEILLANCE

Table 1: West Nile virus (WNV) tests ordered in Summit County hospitals

Week(s)	# of WNV tests ordered this period	# of positive WNV tests this period	Cumulative # of tests ordered this season	Cumulative # of positive tests this season	Percentage of positive tests
Weeks 1 & 2: 5/27 to 6/9	5	0	5	0	0.0%
Weeks 3 & 4: 6/10 to 6/23	2	0	7	0	0.0%
Weeks 5 & 6: 6/24 to 7/7	4	0	11	0	0.0%
Weeks 7 & 8: 7/9 to 7/21					
Weeks 9 & 10: 7/22 to 8/4					
Weeks 11 & 12: 8/5 to 8/18					
Weeks 13 & 14: 8/19 to 9/1					
Weeks 15 & 16: 9/2 to 9/15					
Weeks 17 & 18: 9/16 to 9/29					
Weeks 19 & 20: 9/30 to 10/13					
Weeks 21 & 22: 10/14 to 10/27					

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**West Nile virus testing (Table 1):** During surveillance period Weeks 5 and 6, there were 4 tests for West Nile virus ordered by Summit County hospitals, and all tests had negative results (Table 1).

**Lyme Disease testing (Table 2):** There were 60 diagnostic test series performed for Lyme disease during Weeks 5 and 6, five of which were positive. The CDC currently recommends a two-step process when testing blood for evidence of antibodies against the Lyme disease bacteria (*Borrelia burgdorferi*). Both steps can be done using the same blood sample. The first step uses a testing procedure called "EIA" (enzyme immunoassay) or rarely, an "IFA" (indirect immunofluorescence assay). If this first step is negative, no further testing of the specimen is recommended. If the first step is positive or indeterminate (sometimes called "equivocal"), then the second step should be performed. The second step uses a test called an immunoblot test, commonly, a "Western blot" test. Results are considered positive only if the EIA/IFA and the immunoblot are both positive. If the Western blot test result is deemed indeterminate, the Lyme disease diagnosis may be based on the doctor's interpretation of the results and clinical symptoms.

**Table 2. Lyme Disease Tests Ordered in Summit County Hospitals**

Week(s)	# of Lyme tests ordered this period	# of positive or indeterminate Lyme tests this period	Cumulative # of tests ordered this season	Cumulative # of positive or indeterminate tests this season	% of positive or indeterminate tests
Weeks 1 & 2: 5/27 to 6/9	63	9	63	9	14.3%
Weeks 3 & 4: 6/10 to 6/23	50	3	113	12	10.7%
Weeks 5 & 6: 6/24 to 7/7	60	5	173	17	9.8%
Weeks 7 & 8: 7/9 to 7/21					
Weeks 9 & 10: 7/22 to 8/4					
Weeks 11 & 12: 8/5 to 8/18					
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**Reported Vector-borne diseases in 2018 (Table 3):** As of July 11, there were 13 reported cases of Lyme disease, two reported cases of Rocky Mountain spotted fever, and one case of malaria (a result of international travel). There were no cases of West Nile virus infection reported, or any other mosquito borne illness (except for the malaria case).

**Table 3: Vector-borne diseases reported in Summit County, 2018 cumulative totals**

	Confirmed	Probable/Suspected	Notes
<b>Tick-borne diseases:</b>			
Babesiosis	0	0	
Ehrlichiosis / anaplasmosis	0	0	
Lyme disease	4	9	
Rocky Mountain spotted fever	0	2	
<b>Mosquito-borne diseases:</b>			
Chikungunya	0	0	
Dengue	0	0	
Eastern equine encephalitis	0	0	
LaCrosse virus disease	0	0	
Malaria	1	0	Imported case
St. Louis encephalitis virus disease	0	0	
Zika virus infection	0	0	
West Nile virus infection	0	0	

Source: Ohio Disease Reporting System (ODRS); only confirmed, probable, and suspected cases are included. Case counts may updated as case status changes.

**Table 4: Reported Aseptic Meningitis Cases in Summit County (confirmed & probable)**

Week(s)	Cases reported this period	Cumulative cases for the season
Aseptic meningitis cases reported prior to season (1/1 to 5/26/2018)	6	-
Week 1-2: 5-27 to 6-9	2	2
Week 3-4: 6-10 to 6-23	0	2
Week 5-6: 6-24 to 7-7	2	4
Week 7-8: 7-8 to 7-21		
Week 9-10: 7-22 to 8-4		
Week 11-12: 8-5 to 8-18		
Week 13-14: 8-19 to 9-1		
Week 15-16: 9-2 to 9-15		
Week 17-18: 9-16 to 9-29		
Week 19-20: 9-30 to 10-13		
Week 21-22: 10-14 to 10-27		

Source: Ohio Disease Reporting System (ODRS)

**Reported aseptic meningitis cases (Table 4):** There were two new cases reported during Weeks 5 and 6, bringing the season total case count to 4 and the 2018 total to 10. Aseptic (viral) meningitis is the most common type of meningitis and occurs predominately in the summer and fall. While most aseptic meningitis cases are due to gastrointestinal or respiratory viruses, similar symptoms may be present with arthropod-borne diseases.

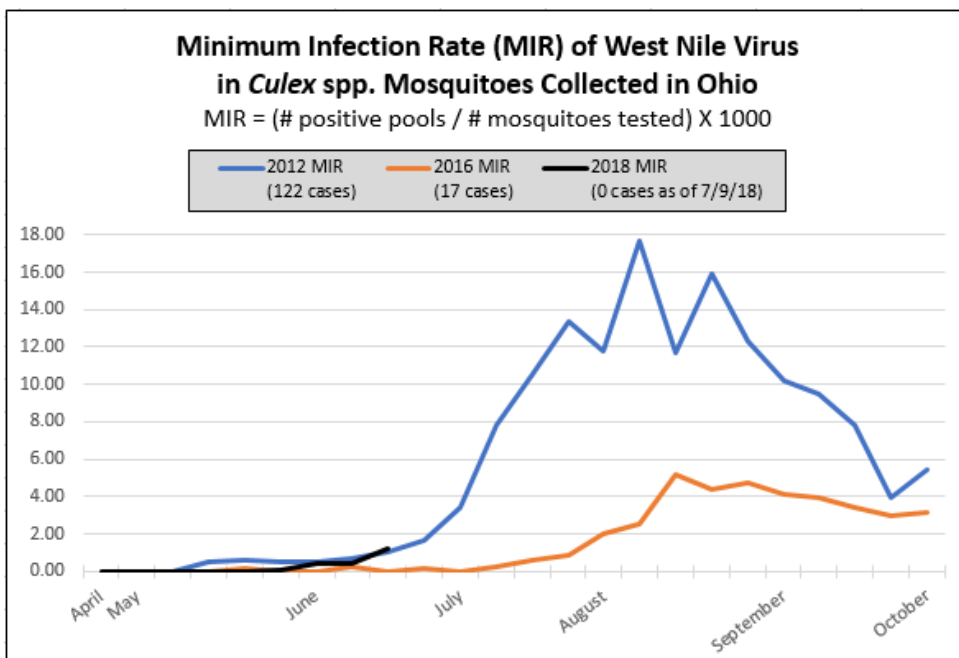
**Mosquito testing (Table 5):** Based on the ODH mosquito testing summary released on July 9, 49,593 mosquitoes were collected as 1,164 pooled samples throughout Summit County. Fifteen of the pooled samples tested positive for West Nile virus.

Mosquitoes submitted and identified	49,593
Pooled samples tested	1,164
Positive WNV pooled samples	15

Note: All mosquitoes tested for WNV were *Culex sp.*

## OHIO ARBOVIRUS SURVEILLANCE

**Figure 1. Ohio West Nile virus activity in 2012, 2016 and 2018**



The minimum infection rate (MIR) functions as an indicator of seasonal West Nile virus (WNV) activity. A high MIR in mosquitoes is commonly associated with higher WNV case counts in humans. In 2012 (an active WNV year), the mosquito MIR in Ohio reached a maximum value of nearly 18.0, with a total of 122 human WNV cases. In 2016, the maximum MIR was approximately 5.0 with a 17 human WNV cases. The graph in Figure 1 will provide a comparison of the 2018 season with years of high and low WNV activity.

Source: Ohio Department of Health, Zoonotic Disease Program

## Ohio Mosquito-borne Disease Surveillance July 9, 2018

Mosquito season is here. The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) Zoonotic Disease Program, in partnership with ODH Laboratory, local public health partners and sanitary district partners, collects and tests mosquitoes from many communities in Ohio as part of statewide mosquito-borne disease surveillance. This surveillance also includes monitoring for human and veterinary cases as well.



### Ohio Mosquito-borne Disease 2018 Numbers At-A-Glance As of July 9, 2018 12:00 pm

West Nile virus (WNV)		Notes
<b>141,835</b>	<b>Mosquitoes tested</b>	Collected by 60 agencies in 53 counties, pooled into 4,832 samples
<b>110</b>	<b>WNV positive mosquito samples</b>	Athens (1), Delaware (1), Franklin (43), Hamilton (1), Hancock (1), Licking (4), Lucas (25), Portage (12), Richland (3), Ross (1), Stark (1), Summit (15), Tuscarawas (1) and Wood (1) counties
<b>0</b>	<b>WNV veterinary cases</b>	
<b>0</b>	<b>WNV asymptomatic viremic blood donors</b>	
<b>0</b>	<b>WNV human cases</b>	
<b>14</b>	<b>Ohio counties with WNV activity reported</b>	Includes counties with WNV positive mosquitoes, equine WNV cases, human WNV cases and human WNV asymptomatic viremic blood donors

Other locally-acquired mosquito-borne cases		Notes
<b>0</b>	<b>La Crosse human cases</b>	

Travel-associated mosquito-borne disease cases		Notes
<b>0</b>	<b>Chikungunya virus human cases*</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Dengue human cases*</b>	1 female age 39 years with travel to Mexico, onset of symptoms 04/07/2018
<b>0</b>	<b>Zika virus human cases*</b>	
<b>26</b>	<b>Malaria human cases</b>	10 females, 16 males ranging in age 9 months - 65 years (median 35 years) with travel to several African countries and Peru

Source: <https://www.odh.ohio.gov/arboupdate>

**Special note for travelers:** Ohioans traveling to areas where local transmission is occurring should be aware of the ongoing situation and make every effort to avoid mosquito bites. Additional information can be found from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)'s Travelers' Health](#) and [Pan-American Health Organization](#) websites.

**Table 6. Reported Vector Borne disease in Ohio, 2018**

Disease	2018 (as of 7/7) cumulative
Babesiosis	2
Chikungunya	0
Dengue (includes dengue-like illness)	1
Eastern equine encephalitis	0
Ehrlichiosis / anaplasmosis	11
LaCrosse virus disease	1
Lyme Disease	230
Malaria	26
Spotted fever rickettsiosis	46
St. Louis encephalitis virus disease	0
West Nile virus infection	
Neuroinvasive	0
Non neuroinvasive	0
Zika virus infection, non-congenital	0

Note: Data is provisional and subject to change

Source: Ohio Disease Reporting System (ODRS), MMWR weekly reports

## UNITED STATES SURVEILLANCE

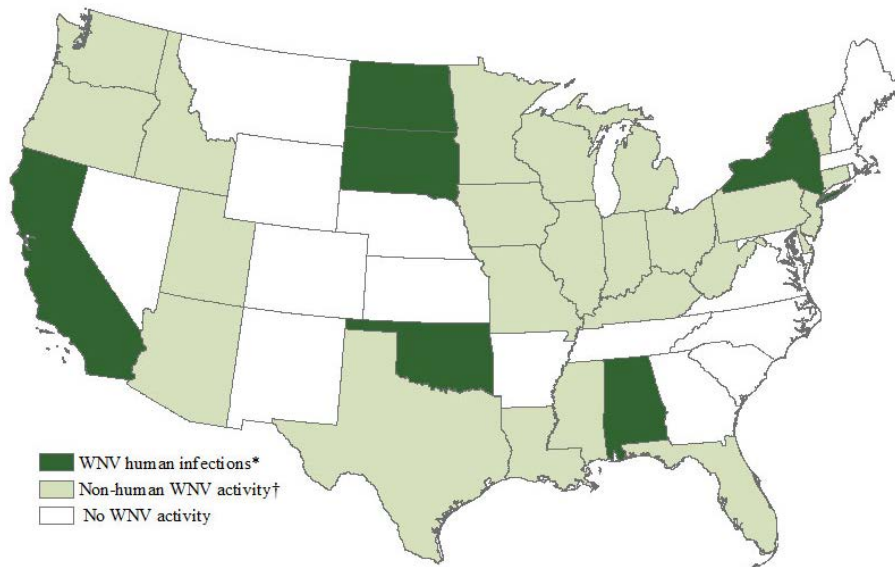
**Table 7. Reported Vector Borne disease in the United States, 2018**

Disease	Weeks 5 and 6 (6/24 to 7/7)	2018 (as of 7/7) cumulative
Babesiosis	48	224
Chikungunya	0	24
Dengue (includes dengue-like illness)	0	58
Eastern equine encephalitis	0	1
Ehrlichiosis / anaplasmosis	211	1787
LaCrosse virus disease	0	1
St. Louis encephalitis virus disease	0	0
Malaria	21	546
Spotted fever rickettsiosis	80	1491
West Nile virus infection		
Neuroinvasive	0	9
Non neuroinvasive	1	7
Zika virus infection, non congenital	0	32

Note: Data is provisional and subject to change

Source: [https://wonder.cdc.gov/nndss/nndss\\_weekly\\_tables\\_menu.asp](https://wonder.cdc.gov/nndss/nndss_weekly_tables_menu.asp)

Figure 2. West Nile virus activity by state – United States, 2018 (as of July 10, 2018)



Like most states in the Midwest, Ohio has reported West Nile virus activity in mosquitos only. Human cases of West Nile virus infection have been reported in New York, Alabama, Oklahoma, North Dakota, South Dakota, and California.

Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/westnile/statsmaps/preliminarymapsdata2018/activitybystate2018.html>

## VECTOR BORNE DISEASE NEWS

### 2018 Edition of *Tickborne Diseases of the United States* is available

The CDC has recently released the latest version, which is an excellent comprehensive resource for healthcare providers and others interested in tickborne pathogens.

A PDF of this useful guide can be downloaded here:

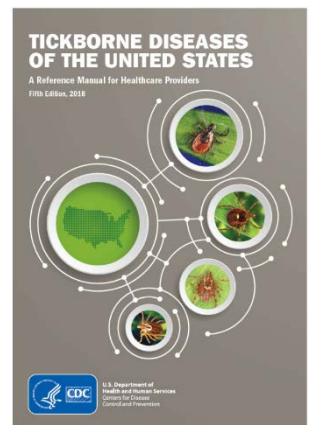
<https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/tickbornediseases/index.html>



### Invasive Longhorned Tick confirmed in North Carolina

The Asian Longhorned Tick was identified on an opossum in Polk County, making North Carolina the fifth state in the eastern United States to confirm the presence of the species. In its native range in East Asia, the tick is a serious livestock pest known to carry human and animal pathogens.

The Ohio Department of Agriculture encourages veterinarians and animal owners to be vigilant and to report the finding of unusual ticks, particularly in large numbers, to the **Ohio State Veterinarian office at 614-728-6220** during regular work hours.



**About this report:** Reporting agencies include Summit County hospital laboratories and the Ohio Department of Health. Vector-borne disease case data for Summit County are obtained from the Ohio Disease Reporting System.

**Many thanks to all agencies who report vector-borne disease data weekly.**

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