



# MOSQUITO-BORNE DISEASE SURVEILLANCE REPORT

SEPTEMBER 8 to 14, 2019 (WEEK 37)

## **Year-to-Date Snapshot**



### **West Nile**

### **Human Epidemiology**

As of surveillance week 37, ending September 14, 2019, six human cases of West Nile virus (WNV) have been reported to the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) (**Table 1**). Of these, two cases reported travel outside of Canada: British Columbia (1) and Ontario (1).

Table 1. Year-to-Date (YTD) WNV human cases, by disease classification and province (January 1-September 14, 2019)

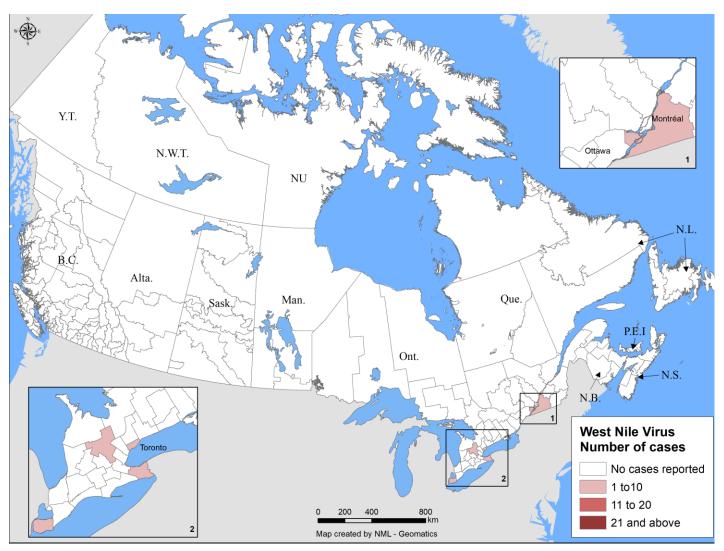
Province	Clinical Cases			Total	Asymptomatic	YTD	Rate <sup>3</sup>
	Neurological	Non- neurological	Unclassified	Clinical Cases <sup>1</sup>	Infections <sup>2</sup>	Grand Total	(per 100,000)
British Columbia	0	1	0	1	0	1	0.02
Alberta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Saskatchewan	0	-	-	0	0	0	0.00
Manitoba	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Ontario	0	2	1	3	1	4	0.03
Québec	0	1	0	1	0	1	0.01
Maritime Provinces	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Territories	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Total	0	4	1	5	1	6	0.02

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Clinical cases are the sum of confirmed and probable: WNV neurological and non-neurological syndromes, along with any unclassified. <sup>2</sup>Satisfies WNV diagnostic test criteria in the absence of clinical criteria (i.e., asymptomatic blood donors whose blood is screened by blood operators, Canadian Blood Services or Héma-Québec. <sup>3</sup> Calculated with grand total of clinical and asymptomatic cases, using Statistics Canada 2018 population estimates.





Figure 1. Geographic distribution of WNV human clinical cases and asymptomatic infections in Canada, 2019



#### Mosquito, Wild Bird & Equine Epidemiology

As of week 37, PHAC has been notified of 10,144 mosquito pools tested for WNV. Of these, 83 (0.82%) were positive in Quebec (12), Ontario (65) and Manitoba (6) (**Table 2**).

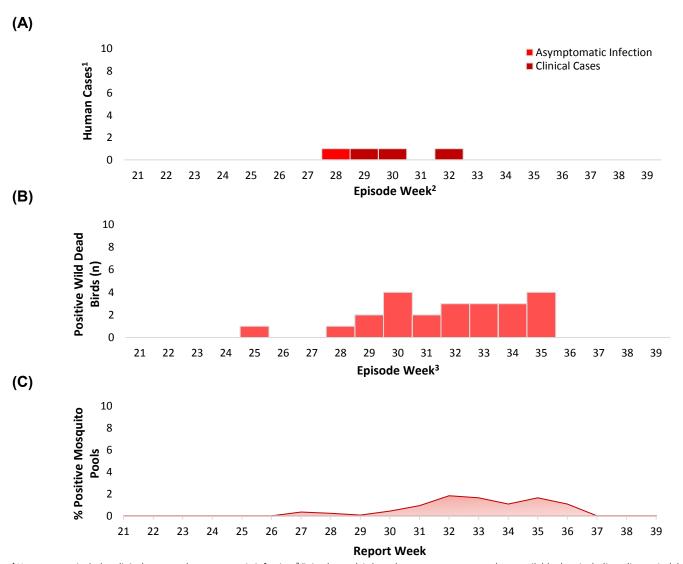
Twenty-four of 53 dead wild birds have tested positive for WNV, by the <u>Canadian Wildlife Health</u> <u>Cooperative (CWHC)</u> in Saskatchewan (1), Ontario (17) and Quebec (6) (**Table 3**).

Since the start of this season, the <u>Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)</u> has reported five horses that tested positive for WNV in British Columbia (1), Saskatchewan (1), Alberta (1), Ontario (1) and Quebec (1) (**Table 3**).





Figure 2. (A) WNV human clinical cases and asymptomatic infections, (B) positive WNV birds, and (C) percent positive mosquito pools by episode or report week, in Canada, 2019



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Human cases includes clinical cases and asymptomatic infection. <sup>2</sup> Episode week is based on symptom onset or best available date including: diagnosis, lab sample or date reported. <sup>3</sup>Episode week is based off date of death or best available date including: date found, submitted, or received.

Table 2. Year-to-Date WNV positive pools and percent positive by province and nationally (January 1- September 14, 2019)

Province <sup>1</sup>	Positive Pools	Total Pools Tested	Percent Positive
Saskatchewan	0	200	0.00 %
Manitoba	6	1,166	0.51 %
Ontario	65	7,335	0.89 %
Québec	12	1,433	0.83 %
Total	83	10, 144	0.82 %

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Mosquito surveillance data is reported by the following four provinces: Saskatchewan, Manitoba Ontario and Quebec.





Table 3. Number of WNV positive animal cases for current week and Year-to-Date (YTD) (January 1- September 14, 2019)

Province	Wild	Birds <sup>1</sup>	Equine		
	Week 37	YTD Total	Week 37	YTD Total	
British Columbia	0	0	0	1	
Alberta	0	0	0	1	
Saskatchewan	0	1	0	1	
Manitoba	0	0	0	0	
Ontario	0	17	1	1	
Québec	1	6	0	1	
Maritime Provinces	0	0	0	0	
Territories	0	0	0	0	
Total	1	24	1	5	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Not all provinces conduct dead wild bird surveillance as part of their respective WNV surveillance program. However, WNV positive dead wild birds may be identified through the National Wildlife Disease Surveillance Program, CWHC or by specific provinces.

## California Serogroup

As of September 14, 2019, no human exposures or cases of California serogroup virus have been reported by the <u>National Microbiology Laboratory</u>.

# **Eastern Equine Encephalitis**

The CFIA has reported six horses that tested positive for Eastern Equine Encephalitis virus (EEEV) in Ontario. No human cases of EEEV have been reported to PHAC since the beginning of the 2019 transmission season.

#### Provincial/Territorial & International Surveillance Links

Data reported to PHAC is subject to change and may differ from provincial webpages due to reporting timelines. To obtain the latest arbovirus surveillance data, please refer to the following jurisdictional/regional webpages:

Provincial International

Alberta - West Nile virus

U.S. Centers for Disease Control - West Nile virus

Saskatchewan - West Nile virus European Centre Disease Control - Mosquito-borne disease

Manitoba - West Nile virus
Ontario - West Nile virus

Québec - Virus du Nil occidental

Thank you to all our partners for participating in the National WNV/MBD surveillance program.

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