2016—Arbovirus Final Report

#### Summary of Human West Nile Virus and Other Arboviral Infections, Georgia 2016

West Nile virus (WNV) is a mosquito-borne disease of birds. Humans are occasionally infected with WNV through mosquito bites. Approximately 1 in 5 people infected with WNV develop symptoms of "West Nile Fever", which is often characterized by fever, headache, fatigue, and muscle pain or weakness. Less than 1% of people infected with WNV develop neurologic disease such as meningitis, encephalitis, or flaccid paralysis. West Nile virus was first recognized in Georgia in July 2001. That year, there were 6 human cases of WNV encephalitis reported in Georgia, including one death. Since then cases have been reported each year with varying numbers of human deaths.

To improve identification of Georgians infected with WNV, surveillance for WNV illness in humans was expanded for the 2003 transmission season to include all acute infections of WNV. In addition, routine screening of the nation's blood supply began in 2003, resulting in the identification of persons infected with WNV prior to the development of symptoms, if symptoms developed at all.

For historical data on arboviral diseases in Georgia since 2010, see the endof-year summaries posted at <u>http://dph.georgia.gov/mosquito-borne-viraldiseases</u>. Summaries from 2002-2009 are available upon request.

In 2016, Georgia reported 7 cases of WNV and 6 WNV presumptive viremic blood donors (PVD), with no deaths. Five (%) of the 7 cases experienced WNV neurologic illness (altered mental status, paralysis, encephalitis, GBS and/or meningitis) and 2 (%) were diagnosed with WNV fever. The average age of cases was 69.4 years (range 34-85). The average age of those with WNV neurologic illness was 79.6 years (range 79-85). All (100%) of the 7 cases were male. The majority of cases were reported in August.

There was also one case of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) reported from south Georgia in July. No cases of LaCrosse Encephalitis (LAC) were reported in 2016.

The first travel-associated case of Zika was reported in Georgia in December 2015. In 2016, there were a total of 113 travelassociated cases confirmed in Georgia. To date there have been no locally transmitted (mosquito to human) cases of Zika. In 2016, the majority of Zika cases were reported in summer (June – August), which coincides with typical summer vacation travels.

Travel-associated Dengue and Chikungunya cases continue to be reported no locallyacquired cases were reported. Georgia's first case of travel-associated Ross River virus was also reported in 2016.

WNV & PVD			
Cases by County, 2016			
County	Count		
Burke	2		
Clarke	1, 2 PVD		
Cobb	2 PVD		
Cook	1 PVD		
DeKalb	1		
Douglas	1		
Fulton	1		
Houston	1 PVD		
Muscogee	1		



Age Range	PVD	Non- neuroinvasive	Neuroinvasive	total
0-10	0	0	0	0
11-20	1	0	0	1
21-30	3	0	0	3
31-40	0	1	0	1
41-50	0	0	0	0
51-60	0	1	0	1
61-70	2	0	1	3
71-80	0	0	3	3
>80	0	0	1	1
Total	6	2	5	13

Age Ranges, WNV 2016



Clinical Syndromes, Endemic Arboviruses, 2016					
Anthonyimus	Month of	County of	Clinical	<u>Fotolity</u>	
Arbovirus	Onset	Residence	Syndrome	raidilly	
Eastern Equine Encephalitis	July	Lowndes	Encephalitis	Ν	
	April	Cobb	Fever	Ν	
	May	Cobb	Asymptomatic	Ν	
	July	Clarke	Fever	Ν	
		Clarke	Asymptomatic	Ν	
		Clarke	Asymptomatic	Ν	
	August	Cook Asymptoma	Asymptomatic	Ν	
West Nile Virus		Douglas	Meningitis	Ν	
		Houston	Asymptomatic	Ν	
	Contombor	DeKalb	Encephalitis	Ν	
	September	Muscogee	nic Arboviruses, 2016 of Clinical Fatality Encephalitis N Fever N Asymptomatic N Asymptomatic N Asymptomatic N Asymptomatic N Asymptomatic N Asymptomatic N Asymptomatic N Meningitis N Asymptomatic N Encephalitis N Encephalitis N Encephalitis N Encephalitis N Encephalitis N	Ν	
	Ostobor	Burke	Encephalitis	N	
	October	Burke	Encephalitis	N	
	December	Fulton	Fever	N	



	Clinical Syndro	omes, Exotic Arb	oviruses, 2016	
Arbovirus	Month of Onset	County of Residence	Clinical Syndrome	Fatality
Chikungunya	April	Cobb	Fever	Ν
		Cobb	Fever	Ν
	January	Fulton	Fever	Ν
		Fulton	Fever	Ν
	Fobruary	Clayton	Asymptomatic	Ν
	rebluary	Gwinnett	Asymptomatic	Ν
		Cobb	Asymptomatic	Ν
	March	Fulton	Fever	Ν
		Fulton	Fever	Ν
	April	Fulton	Fever	N
	Арті	Oconee	Fever	N
	May	Chatham	Fever	N
		Chatham	Fever	N
		Cobb	Fever	N
		Cobb	Fever	N
Jengue		Muscogee	Fever	N
	lune	Gwinnett	Fever	N
	June	Tift	Asymptomatic	N
		Clayton	Fever	N
	July	Gwinnett	Fever	N
		Hall	Asymptomatic	N
		Coweta	Fever	Ν
	A	Forsyth	Fever	N
	August	Fulton	Asymptomatic	Ν
		Lowndes	Fever	Ν
		DeKalb	Fever	Ν
	September	DeKalb	Fever	Ν
		Fulton	Fever	Ν
	October	Gwinnett	Fever	N
Ross River	November	Fulton	Fever	N

Clinical Syndromes ZIKV, 2016			
Clinical Syndrome	Count		
Asymptomatic	5		
Congenital Infection	1		
Febrile illness	69		
Other Clinical	38		

Travel-Associated Zika Onset Dates - Georgia, 2016		
January	5	
February	7	
March	2	
April	1	
May	8	
June	20	
July	27	
August	24	
September	7	
October	7	
November	3	
December	2	
*Note - all cases of Zika were travel associated.		

Zika virus was first discovered in 1947 and is named after the Zika Forest in Uganda. In 1952, the first human cases of Zika were detected. Before 2007, at least 14 cases of Zika had been documented, although other cases were likely to have occurred and were not reported. In May 2015, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) issued an alert regarding the first confirmed Zika virus infection in Brazil and on Feb 1, 2016, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared Zika virus a public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC). Since then, outbreaks of Zika have been reported in tropical Africa, Southeast Asia, and the Pacific Islands.

Zika virus is transmitted to people primarily through the bite of an infected *Aedes* species mosquito (*Ae. aegypti* and *Ae. albopictus*). These are the same mosquitoes that spread dengue and chikungunya viruses.

### https://www.cdc.gov/zika/index.html

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	TRAVEL-ASSO	DCIATED CASES			
ZIKV - Country of Origin					
Virus	Country of Origin	# cases	Month of Onset		
ZIKV	ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	1	Nov		
ZIKV	BAHAMAS	1	Oct		
ZIKV	BARBADOS	2	Jan, Oct		
ZIKV	BELIZE	1	Aug		
ZIKV	BRAZIL	4	Jan, Feb, April, May		
ZIKV	COLOMBIA	4	Jan, Feb, June		
ZIKV	COSTA RICA	1	Aug		
ZIKV	CURACAO	1	Dec		
ZIKV	DOMINICA	1	July		
ZIKV	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	9	May, June, July, Aug, Sept		
ZIKV	GRENADA	1	Aug		
ZIKV	GUATEMALA	4	July, Aug, Sept		
ZIKV	GUYANA	1	June		
ZIKV	HAITI	5	Feb, May, July		
ZIKV	HONDURAS	6	March, May, July, Aug		
ZIKV	JAMAICA	21	June, July, Aug		
ZIKV	MEXICO	13	March, June, July, Aug, Sept, Oct		
ZIKV	NICARAGUA	3	July, Aug		
ZIKV	PHILIPPINES	1	Aug		
ZIKV	SAINT LUCIA	1	Sept		
ZIKV	SAINT MARTIN (FRENCH PART)	1	Aug		
ZIKV	SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES	1	June		
ZIKV	SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES, BARBADOS	1	Aug		
ZIKV	ST. MARTIN, ST. BARTHE- LEMY, ANTIGUILLA	1	Мау		
ZIKV	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	6	July, Aug		
ZIKV	VENEZUELA	2	Jan, June		

Confirmed travel-related cases of Zika in Georgia, and the possibility of local, autochthonous transmission, demonstrate the need to develop a response plan with specific actions to keep Georgians safe by preventing or mitigating the transmission of Zika.

The Georgia Department of Public Health Zika Virus Preparedness and Response Concept of Operations Plan provides a comprehensive framework for preventing, protecting, and mitigating the local spread of Zika virus disease in Georgia. It addresses the roles and responsibilities of various government agencies and organizations as identified in the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan (http:// www.gema.ga.gov/Plan%20Library/GEOP%20 -%20Base%20Plan%20(2015).pdf) under ESF #8 (Public Health & Medical), and ensures consistency with current policy guidance such as the National Incident Management System (https://www.fema.gov/national-incidentmanagement-system, NIMS), National Response Framework (https://www.fema.gov/ national-response-framework, NRF) for response operations, and the utilization of the Comprehensive Preparedness Guide 101, Version 2 (https://www.fema.gov/medialibrary-data/20130726-1828-25045-0014/ cpg 101 comprehensive preparedness guid e developing and maintaining emergency operations plans 2010.pdf). The plan will continue to evolve, responding to lessons learned from actual experiences, ongoing planning efforts, training and exercise activities, and Federal guidance.



Year	EEE	LAC	WNV
2001			6
2002			45
2003	2	1	55
2004	1	5	23
2005	1	1	24
2006	1	1	11
2007		3	55
2008		2	12
2009		2	6
2010		2	14
2011		2	25
2012	1		117
2013	1	1	20
2014		2	12
2015		2	17
2016	1		13
Grand Total	8	24	455

#### **Emerging & Reemerging Infectious Diseases**

Two major categories of emerging infections—<u>newly emerg-</u> ing and <u>reemerging</u> infectious diseases—can be defined, respectively, as diseases that are recognized in the human host for the first time; and diseases that historically have infected humans, but continue to appear in new locations or in drug-resistant forms, or that reappear after apparent control or elimination.

A high proportion of arboviruses associated with human and animal disease circulate in tropical, and subtropical regions, where mosquitoes, and other flying insects, tend to be abundant. However, many arboviruses also circulate amongst wildlife species in temperate regions of the world.

More than 100 species of arbovirus that cause human/animal or zoonotic diseases have been identified. Four virus families, *Togaviridae, Bunyaviridae, Flaviviridae,* and *Reoviridae,* contain most of the arboviruses that cause human/animal diseases. Many cause a large social and economic burden.



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# **Veterinary Data**

No horses tested positive for WNV in 2016. The number of reported cases of WNV in horses decreased rapidly after 2002, likely due to increased immunity, increased vaccination, and/or decreased testing, but had lately begun to increase again.

Five horses tested positive for EEE in 2016. Eastern equine encephalitis is endemic in the Coastal and Coastal Plains areas of Georgia. During an average year, four or five EEE+ horses are reported from these areas. The true number of horse cases is probably higher, and lack of reporting is due primarily to undertesting, although subclinical infections can occur with EEE.

Vaccinating at the proper time of the year against Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) is critical to protecting horses from the often-fatal mosquito-borne disease.

	Vaccination Status			
County	unknown	unvaccinated	owner	Grand Total
Colquitt	1			1
Effingham	1			1
Lowndes		1		1
Pierce			1	1
Worth		1		1
Grand Total	2	2	1	5





2010 2009 2008 2014 2013 2012 2011 2016 2015 A horse with West Nile virus or EEE will display some of the following symptoms:

> General loss of appetite Hind limb weakness Fever Impaired vision Walking in circles Inability to swallow Coma

Mortality in horses with WNV is ~35%. However, sometimes a horse can be infected with West Nile virus and not show any symptoms.



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Symptoms in horses with Eastern Equine Encephalitis begin with a fever that may reach as high as 106 °F. Nervous signs appearing during the fever include sensitivity to sound, periods of excitement, and restlessness. Mortality rates among horses with EEE range from 70 to 90%.





### **Dead Bird Surveillance**

As of 2012, federal funding was no longer available to test birds, and no birds have been reported as submitted for testing since 2013.

Dead bird surveillance continues to lose ground as a surveillance tool, and even more so now when no funding is available at the State level to support testing; most counties do not have the resources to pick up and ship birds for testing in any case. Bird testing does continue to have some utility, esp where mosquito surveillance data are not available. In addition, positive dead bird reports can be used to trigger public education messages reminding people to wear repellent and to dump out standing water.



In addition to dead bird testing, the Chatham County Mosquito Control Program also sets out sentinel chickens for EEE surveillance.

This information is used by the program to focus mosquito control efforts on EEE risk reduction in the county.





# **BIRDS SUBMITTED FOR TESTING**

# birds

Table of West Nile Virus host competency of 23 species of birds. A larger index number correlates to higher amounts of viral load in concurrence with long dura-tions of viremia. Data adapted from Komar et al. 2003.

Species	Reservoir Competence Index
Blue Jay	2.55
Common Grackle	2.04
House Finch	1.76
American Crow	1.62
House Sparrow	1.59
Ring-billed Gull	1.26
Black-billed Magpie	1.08
American Robin	1.08
Red-winged Blackbird	0.99
American Kestrel	0.93
Great Horned Owl	0.88
Killdeer	0.87
Fish Crow	0.73
Mallard	0.48
European Starling	0.22
Mourning Dove	0.19
Northern Flicker	0.06
Canada Goose	0.03
Rock Dove	0
American Coot	0
Ring-necked Pheasant	0
Monk Parakeet	0



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# **Mosquito Surveillance**

In 2012, due to funding cuts, mosquito testing was no longer supported by the State Department of Public Health. Counties holding independent contracts with SCWDS, or other labs, for testing continued doing mosquito surveillance and shared some of the test results with the GDPH; 4 counties sent mosquitoes to SCWDS for testing in 2016. Fulton County had their mosquito pools tested at the Fairfax County Health Department laboratory in Virginia. Glynn County also sent mosquitoes to an outside lab. Unfortunately, data submitted to the GDPH are likely to be incomplete, making data analysis difficult and results suspect.

A total of 5620 pools of mosquitoes (113376 individuals) were sent for testing with results reported to the GDPH. Two species were found to be WNV+, *Culex quinquefasciatus* (35 pools) and *Aedes albopictus* (1 pool). No other viruses were reported from mosquito pools in 2016.



County	# mosquitoes submitted	# WNV+ pools	MIR
Chatham	53005		
DeKalb	9847	31	3.15
Fulton	2931	5	1.71
Glynn	22439		
Lowndes	24944		
Richmond	210		



The first WNV+ mosquitoes were detected in DeKalb County in late June. The last WNV+ pools were collected in DeKalb and Fulton counties in early October. Peaks in numbers of WNV+ pools occurred in July and August. All but one of the WNV+ mosquitoes were caught in gravid traps.



The Minimum Infection Rate or MIR = (# WNV+ Pools/Total # Mosquitoes Tested) X 1000. The WNV Index is the MIR multiplied by the number of mosquitoes per trap night. An MIR of 0 suggests that there is no viral activity in the area. An MIR of 0.1 to 3.9 indicates that some viral activity is present, and increased vigilance and testing are needed. An MIR of 4.0 or above means that a high level of viral activity is present, human infections are imminent (if not already present), and prompt action is required.

The monthly MIR for Georgia in 2016 ranged from 0.76 to 12.1, with an average of 6.2.



year	WNV Index	WNV+ Pools	human cases
2001	146.3	30	6
2002	106.6	84	36
2003	50.7	78	55
2004	40.7	113	22
2005	17.7	66	24
2006	31.5	81	8
2007	29.9	75	55
2008	25.3	51	12
2009	13.7	24	6
2010	47.7	95	13
2011	179.6	397	25
2012	64.3	125	117
2013	72.0	150	20
2014	43.6	56	13
2015	37.00	40	15
2016	22.80	36	13



2001-2016	human cases	WNV+ mosquito pool	veterinary case	positive bird	
total	total 454		330	1896	
mean	28.4	104.7	20.6	118.5	

year	total pools	WNV+	% WNV+	human cases		
2001	597	31	5.2%	6		
2002	4032	91	2.3%	36		
2003	6177	106	1.7%	55		
2004	10161	126	1.2%	23		
2005	15248	67	0.4%	24		
2006	4785	81	1.7%	11		
2007	6513	75	1.2%	55		
2008	6383	51	0.8%	12		
2009	4446	24	0.5%	6		
2010	5990	99	1.7%	14		
2011	7622	397	5.2%	25		
2012	6042	125	2.1%	117		
2013	7453	150	2.0%	20		
2014	5038	56	1.1%	13		
2015	3366	40	1.2%	15		
2016	2016 5620 36		0.6%	6% 13		
MEAN	6217.1	97.2	1.6%	27.8		
TOTAL	99473	1555	26%	445		





\*6 counties doing testing

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The Vector Index (VI) equals the MIR times the number of vectors per trap night. It is a Measure of infectivity that takes into account the following information:

- Vector species composition Key species carrying West Nile virus in our region.
- Vector species population density Vector abundance relative to trapping effort (vectors per trap night).
- Vector species infection rate Proportion of vector population infected with WNV (MIR).

The VI is an objective method of following trends in mosquito infection rates, adjusted for mosquito abundance in the area.

### Untested Mosquitoes

1500

Species	Total
Ae. aegypti	26
Ae. albopictus	3470
Ae. cinereus	4
Ae. japonicus	1
Ae. vexans	3142
An. barberi	1
An. crucians	1870
An. punctipennis	399
An. quadrimaculatus	257
Cq. perturbans	2424
Cs. inornata	9
Cs. melanura	20
Cx. coronator	584
Cx. erraticus	1096
Cx. nigripalpus	1238
Cx. peccator	12
Cx. quinquefasciatus	8021
Cx. restuans	52
Cx. salinarius	2565
Cx. territans	33

Species	Total
Ma. titillans	1
Oc. atlanticus	38
Oc. canadensis	117
Oc. fulvus pallens	1
Oc. infirmatus	7
Oc. japonicus	31
Oc. mitchellae	9
Oc. sticticus	30
Oc. triseriatus	53
Oc. trivittatus	7
Or. signifera	23
Ps. ciliata	25
Ps. columbiae	332
Ps. cyanescens	30
Ps. ferox	104
Ps. howardii	34
Tx. rutilus	51
Ur. Iowii	13
Ur. sapphirina	116
Grand Total	34708

### Mosquito Surveillance: Untested Mosquitoes

Due to loss of funding, mosquitoes collected during surveillance by the GDPH are no longer sent for testing. These mosquitoes are identified and the data are shared with the county mosquito control agency to assist with control efforts.

_	County	# months doing surveillance	County	# months doing surveillance			
_	Bacon	1	Gordon	2			
_	Baldwin	1	Gwinnett	5			
_	Barrow	1	Hall	2			
_	Bartow	2	Haralson	1			
_	Bibb	1	Harris	1			
_	Bleckely	1	Henry	2			
_	Bulloch	4	Houston	1			
_	Butts	1	Johnson	2			
_	Candler	1	Laurens	4			
	Catoosa	1	Murray	4			
	Chattooga	1	Muscogee	2			
	Cherokee	6	Newton	1			
	Clarke	3	Oconee	1			
	Clayton	4	Paulding	1			
	Cobb	5	Pickens	5			
	Coffee	1	Polk	3			
	Coweta	1	Pulaski	1			
	Crawford	1	Richmond	12			
	Dade	2	Rockdale	2			
	Dougherty	2	Talbot	1			
	Douglas	1	Toombs	1			
	Evans	2	Troup	2			
	Fannin	4	Walker	3			
	Fayette	2	Walton	2			
	Floyd	2	Ware	1			
	Fulton	5	Whitfield	4			
	Gilmer	3					

Species	Bulloch	Clayton	Cobb	Gwinnett	Hall	Muscogee	Rockdale	Walton	Oconee	Grand Total
Ae. albopictus		8	2	72	89	7	11	1		190
Ae. vexans	11	1		7			1			20
An. crucians				2				2		4
An. punctipennis		1		8				3		12
Cs. inornata				1					1	2
Cx. coronator				1				1		2
Cx. erraticus		18		22		1	2	1		44
Cx. quinquefasciatus				99		13		4	1	117
Cx. salinarius				1						1
Cx. territans	9									9
Oc. japonicus				1				7		8
Oc. triseriatus				1			3			4
Ur. sapphirina								1		1
Grand Total	20	28	2	215	89	21	17	20	2	414

ZIKV Surveillance

### **Vector Surveillance Coordinators**

Vector Surveillance Coordinators (VSC) are State DPH employees working at the regional level. This position has the primary responsibility to conduct and improve mosquito surveillance for arboviral diseases such as West Nile Virus, Eastern Equine Encephalitis, Lacrosse Encephalitis, Zika and others. Duties include establishing surveillance locations throughout the PH Districts, setting up traps and collecting mosquitoes, mosquito identification, complaint response, community assessments, and community education programs. When necessary, the VSC will coordinate mosquito control activities with existing city/county/contracted mosquito control agencies and assist with localized control efforts. In addition, this position supports the EH Team by assisting with surveillance for other public health pests of concern, including agents of bioterrorism (BT), tickborne diseases, rabies, bedbugs, and participates in outbreak detection and response activities.

# WNV Activity Map

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West Nile Virus Neuroinvasive Disease Incidence by State – United States, 2016 (as of January 17, 2017)

This map shows the incidence of human West Nile virus neuroinvasive disease (e.g., meningitis, encephalitis, or acute flaccid paralysis) by state for 2016 with shading ranging from 0.01-0.24, 0.25-0.49, 0.50-0.99, and greater than 1.00 per 100,000 population.

https://www.cdc.gov/westnile/statsmaps/preliminarymapsdata/ index.html

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\*WNV human disease cases or presumptive viremic blood donors. Presumptive viremic blood donors have a positive screening test which has not necessarily been confirmed.

<sup>+</sup>WNV veterinary disease cases, or infections in mosquitoes, birds, or sentinel animals.

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### **ZIKV Activity Map**

Pregnant Women with Any Lab Evidence of Zika Virus Infection\*

US States and DC: 1,455

US Territories: 3,156

\*Source: Pregnancy Registries as of February 7, 2017

Zika Virus Disease Cases Reported to ArboNET\*

US States and DC: 5,041

US Territories: 37,447

\*Source: ArboNET as of February 22, 2017

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# Zika Cases Reported in the United States

Laboratory-confirmed Zika virus disease cases reported to ArboNET by state or territory (as of February 22, 2017)

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The epidemic curve (epi curve) shows the progression of an outbreak over time.

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Constructing epidemic curves is a common and very important practice in epidemiology. Epidemic curves are used to monitor disease occurrence, to detect outbreaks, to generate hypotheses about the cause of an outbreak, to monitor the impact of intervention efforts, and to predict the course of an epidemic.

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