

Fort Wayne - Allen County Arboviral Surveillance and Control Plan



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GLOSSARY

CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CIDNAC	Communicable Infectious Disease Network of Allen County
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
FWACDOH	Fort Wayne – Allen County Department of Health
ISDH	Indiana State Department of Health
IDC	Infectious Disease Center
VCESD	Vector Control and Environmental Services Division
WNV	West Nile virus

FORWARD

The goal of the Fort Wayne – Allen County Arboviral Surveillance and Control Plan is to minimize the risk of arboviral diseases, including West Nile virus (WNV), to residents of Allen County. The plan outlines a series of primary and secondary preventive interventions designed to minimize the risk of transmission of the virus to human populations and to facilitate the rapid diagnosis and containment of the disease once it is identified in our community. The most effective primary intervention is public participation in the removal of mosquito breeding sites, such as tires, containers, un-maintained swimming pools, and other stagnant water bodies. Secondary interventions include larviciding (reduces the number of mosquito larvae before they turn into adults), healthcare provider education regarding the diagnosis of WNV or other arboviral diseases, community education about reducing the risk of acquiring an arboviral disease, and adulticiding (reduces the number of possible disease-carrying adult mosquitoes).

This plan has been developed based on a variety of scientific methods including: best practices in communities where WNV has been established; guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); and, recommendations from Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) experts. However, the decision to move to aggressive secondary prevention methods, such as adulticiding, still requires a clinical judgment. The plan outlines the criteria pertinent to this decision-making process and the representatives identified to interpret the data.

BACKGROUND

Encephalitis is an inflammatory viral disease involving parts of the brain, spinal cord or meninges. One environmental source of this disease is the mosquito, which serves as the vector for arboviruses that cause diseases such as St. Louis Encephalitis, LaCrosse Encephalitis, and WNV. Encephalitis has a case fatality rate that varies from 5% to 30%, depending on the specific virus. Some types of encephalitis, such as LaCrosse, may have long-term neurologic consequences even in milder cases. Also, arboviral encephalitis often causes large numbers of undiagnosed cases near the environmental source. Therefore, a definitive diagnosis needs to be established as quickly as possible, as effective environmental treatment of the source of encephalitis can decrease the probability of other members of the community from becoming infected.ⁱ

In 1999, a new arboviral disease, never observed in the Western Hemisphere, was identified in New York City. The infectious agent was identified as WNV and was associated with 44 cases and 4 fatalities. Within a 75-mile radius of New York City (including part of the states of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut) a total of 66 cases and 7 fatalities occurred

In June 2002, the first dead bird positive for WNV was identified in Allen County. By the end of the summer the ISDH had confirmed 36 positive dead birds in Allen County. The first positive mosquito pool (group of 50 or more adult mosquitoes) was found in July. There were 28 total pools positive for WNV. The first human case of WNV occurred in August. Seventy-one humans were positive for the virus by the end of 2002. There were 3 deaths related to WNV.

In the spring of 2002, the Fort Wayne – Allen County Department of Health (FWACDOH) with assistance from the Communicable Infectious Disease Network of Allen County (CIDNAC) and the ISDH established a protocol to address the environmental and medical issues associated with the presence of WNV and/or St. Louis Encephalitis in our community. This protocol was based

on information obtained through sources at the ISDH, CDC, Indiana Poison Control Center, Medline literature search and from the New York City Comprehensive Mosquito Surveillance and Control Plan.

In 2006, two humans were infected with LaCrosse Encephalitis, with one succumbing to the disease and the other developing serious neurologic consequences. While this is also an arboviral disease, the mosquito that transmits the LaCrosse virus is a daytime biter and predominantly affects children.

Due to the increase in LaCrosse cases and the severity of outcomes in Allen County, our prevention message to the public will change from wearing repellent during the time of dusk to dawn to wearing repellent all of the time when outside, no matter the hour. We have also included information about LaCrosse in our informational materials.

The Fort Wayne – Allen County Arboviral Surveillance and Control Plan has been revised to follow current medical and environmental information.

PUBLIC EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Objective

Increase public awareness of arboviral diseases as a public health threat, including educating the community about proper mosquito prevention and control techniques

Background

Prior to and during mosquito season, the FWACDOH typically engages in a public education campaign to raise awareness in the community about the spread of arboviral diseases – specifically WNv. The campaign generally includes the distribution of materials in both written and electronic form, presentations to community organizations, and regular news releases advising residents on the elimination of standing water to reduce the opportunity for mosquitoes to breed and the suggested use of insect repellents as a means to limit exposure.

The FWACDOH maintains a Web site which provides background information and regular updates on surveillance and laboratory analysis. It also includes links to other mosquito information websites, as well as state and federal agencies. When needed, the FWACDOH will also establish a hotline to keep the community informed about mosquito control activity, receive and respond to reports of dead birds, and allow the public to get answers to their questions regarding arboviral diseases. During business hours, a staff member can field questions and gather addresses where dead birds are found.

If the application of pesticides to control adult mosquitoes becomes necessary, notifications and personal precaution announcements are made through the media and on the Web site. Broadcast facsimile and e-mail alerts are sent to city and county officials, police agencies, parks departments and other government

offices (see Appendix A). This same information is also faxed to area hospitals and infectious disease specialists.

Citizens can also call the hotline and leave a message, including their name, address, phone number, and email address, requesting to be placed on a notification list. FWACDOH has developed a new and improved email notification system for the public regarding when spraying will take place. Residents can sign up to be on a notification list at any time. Twenty-four (24) hours prior to spraying activities planned for an area, an email containing the intended areas to be sprayed and a map will be sent out to those on the notification list. Also, as resources permit, the residents on the notification list for which VCESD has current phone numbers who reside in the area to be sprayed will be called and informed of the pending spraying activities.

Beginning in 2007, a shift in strategy was initiated as a result of concern about the threat of Lacrosse encephalitis, a potentially fatal illness which is spread by day-time biting mosquitoes. Rather than focus exclusively on WNV, the department will tailor its messages to incorporate all arboviral diseases.

In all public information sent out, FWACDOH will underscore the following points:

- Mosquitoes carry diseases that can be serious and life-threatening
- People are advised to wear a mosquito repellent whenever engaging in outdoor activity.
- Residents should eliminate all sources of standing water that can support mosquito breeding. These places include empty flower pots, tires, clogged gutters and tree holes.

Action Plan

The FWACDOH will promote mosquito-borne disease prevention through a number of activities coordinated with other community groups and government agencies. The communication/education plan will be discussed each year and

specific goals and strategies will be initiated based on lessons learned the previous year and any new information relevant to the current threat.

Key communication, education and outreach activities will include:

Annually

- Convene the Arboviral Communication and Education Team to discuss, develop or implement goals and strategies for the upcoming mosquito season. The team will consist of the Health Officer, Department Administrator, Vector Control Director, Communications Director and IDC Director.
- Review and update all written and visual materials (posters, flyers, door hangers and brochures, etc.) concerning mosquito control and personal protection.
- Review and update all contact lists with current phone, fax, pager numbers and email addresses.
- Assess the effectiveness of communication and education of targeted communities.

Ongoing

- Inform the public about the FWACDOH's comprehensive mosquito prevention strategies and activities (including surveillance, larviciding, and education).
- Increase public awareness about the nature of mosquito-borne diseases and the signs and symptoms of human encephalitis (headache, fever, muscle pain, disorientation).
- Conduct health care provider education to increase knowledge about the proper detection, prevention and clinical management of mosquito-borne diseases and other types of encephalitis and meningitis. The importance of promptly reporting suspected encephalitis and meningitis cases should be continuously stressed through regular contact with emergency department staff and infectious disease physicians.

- Advise the public on eliminating mosquito-breeding sites (tires, buckets and other water-collecting objects).
- Educate the public about the proper personal protective measures to avoid mosquito bites (tight-fitting screen doors, wearing protective clothing and the appropriate use of mosquito repellent).
- Promote the use of mosquito-eating fish in ornamental ponds, fountains and bird baths.
- Encourage the reporting of dead birds and sick domestic animals during the mosquito season, while making it clear that FWACDOH does not pick up all dead birds that are reported. Information about the species being prioritized for testing, how to properly dispose of birds not being tested, and the role birds play in the transmission cycle of arboviral disease will be disseminated. Residents will be advised to have sick domestic animals evaluated by their treating veterinarian.
- Encourage local reporting of areas where mosquitoes may be breeding (larval habitats).
- Educate homeowners about mosquito prevention during environmental surveys in areas where positive mosquitoes and human infection has been identified.
- Regularly update the department's Web site with timely information on mosquito control activities and personal protective measures.
- Present information on mosquito control and surveillance and personal protection to interested civic groups, elected officials, schools and other community organizations.

As Needed

- Create and disseminate new written materials (posters, flyers, door hangers, brochures, etc.) concerning mosquito control and personal protection, as new information warrants. Materials can be distributed to neighborhood associations, area parks and other targeted groups.
- Create public service announcements for radio and TV.

- Issue news releases regarding all activities (see Appendix A).
- Partner with area schools to promote the use of mosquito repellent at outdoor school-sponsored events.
- Partner with area parks to post flyers and other literature at entrances to parks and other designated places.
- Distribute written materials on personal protective measures to area grocery stores/convenience stores.
- If the application of pesticides to control adult mosquitoes becomes necessary, the public will be warned in a timely manner to reduce direct exposure to pesticides. Adulticiding information will be made available in the form of news releases, fact sheets, FAQ lists, spray schedules and maps at least 24 hours in advance. This information will also be faxed and emailed to city and county agencies, elected officials, parks departments and hospitals, and posted to the department's Web site (see Appendix A).
- Establish a hotline to provide information and answer questions. A staff member can assist callers during business hours.
- Citizens can also call the hotline and leave a message, including their name, address, phone number, and email address, requesting to be placed on a notification list. FWACDOH has developed a new and improved email notification system for the public regarding when spraying will take place. Residents can sign up to be on a notification list at any time. Twenty-four (24) hours prior to spraying activities planned for an area, an email containing the intended areas to be sprayed and a map will be sent out to those on the notification list. Also, as resources permit, the residents on the notification list for which VCESD has current phone numbers who reside in the area to be sprayed will be called and informed of the pending spraying activities.

HUMAN SURVEILLANCE AND PROVIDER EDUCATION

Objective

Quickly identify Allen County residents infected with arboviral diseases, especially WNV.

Background

The rapid diagnosis of patients with an arboviral disease, especially WNV, allows healthcare providers to educate those infected regarding the probable clinical course of the disease and also to identify those high-risk patients who might require closer monitoring for potential severe adverse consequences of the infection. Furthermore, rapid identification of an arboviral case expedites the identification of potential mosquito breeding sites within a designated area surrounding the patient's residence or other potential high-risk areas frequented by two or more cases.

Action Plan

See Appendix C for the CDC case definition of neuroinvasive and non-neuroinvasive domestic arboviral diseases.

Facilitate rapid identification of patients with symptoms of viral encephalitis or meningitis who present to emergency rooms, urgent care centers and outpatient healthcare providers.

- Medical education will be provided to healthcare providers in emergency rooms and urgent care and outpatient centers at the onset of the arboviral season and periodically throughout the season.
- Arboviral serum samples will be collected in local healthcare laboratories and analyzed at local reference laboratories. Positive results will be provided to the FWACDOH and forwarded to the ISDH.

- At the request of the ISDH, some patients may be requested to have a convalescent WNV titer drawn and submitted to the ISDH laboratory (see Appendix D).
- For patients diagnosed with LaCrosse encephalitis, both initial and convalescent titers will be drawn on all patients.
- All positive results will be entered into a database.
- For patients with unknown etiology for encephalitis/meningitis, if arboviral panel has not been ordered, an IDC nurse will contact the physician and request an arboviral panel.

Record clinical signs and symptoms associated with acute arboviral infections in Allen County residents.

- A case investigation will be performed for every patient diagnosed with an acute arboviral infection in Allen County (see Appendix E and F).
- The case investigation form will be forwarded to ISDH.
- The IDC Director or a public health nurse will notify the Arboviral Surveillance Team of any humans positive with an arboviral disease (see Appendix G).
- The Vital Records Director will notify the Arboviral Surveillance Team of any death due to encephalitis or meningitis (see Appendix G).

Rapidly identify and quarantine potentially infected blood products.

- The survey instrument that will be administered to all Allen County residents with WNV contains specific questions regarding recent blood transfusions and organ transplant (see Appendix E).
- The American Red Cross and CDC will be immediately notified by the public health nurse conducting the arboviral case investigation of any positive response to the survey question regarding transfusion. The American Red Cross will quarantine all blood products related to the

initial blood donor. Further case investigation of potential-transfusion related infections will be at the direction of the CDC.

LARVAL MOSQUITO CONTROL

Objective

Reduce the abundance of adult mosquitoes through the use of Integrated Mosquito Management practices

Background

The life cycle of a mosquito begins in the water. Some mosquitoes prefer to lay their eggs in slow-moving or stagnant water rich in organic material. These breeding sites consist of discarded tires, poorly maintained bird baths, clogged rain gutters, unused swimming and plastic wading pools, pots and pans with standing water, and puddles lasting for a week or more. The mosquito population can be greatly reduced by eliminating potential water sources (source reduction) for breeding and treating permanent water sites with biological or chemical agents (see Appendix H) to prevent mosquito development (larviciding). Businesses and the public should regularly inspect their property to determine if conditions are present for mosquito breeding and eliminate the conditions.

Catch basins provide a perfect breeding source for mosquitoes. There is a basin off of the storm drain that catches debris and silt. If there is no rain during the summer, water will sit in the basin. Some female mosquitoes will lay their eggs on the water, due to the available organic material. The Vector Control and Environmental Services Division (VCESD), along with other municipal agencies, will treat the catch basins with approved larvicides.

Action Plan

- The general public will be informed about residential practices to reduce breeding sites (tires, containers, gutters, etc.) via the department website (www.allencountyhealth.com) and educational forums.

- Seasonal technicians inspect over 1,000 known natural and artificial breeding sites, collect larval samples for identification, and treat the water with larvicides based on the environmental conditions surrounding the sites.
- The VCESD will respond to public complaints of mosquitoes through inspection of the complainant's property, collect larval samples if available, and treat the water accordingly. These sites will be added to the breeding site list.
- The VCESD will educate and assist municipal departments in identifying and treating catch basins with appropriate larvicides.
- Technicians will access areas where dead bird clusters occur and identify new breeding sites, collect samples, and treat the water. Known breeding sites will also be inspected and treated as needed.
- Technicians will access areas where positive adult mosquitoes are found and identify new breeding sites, collect samples, and treat the water. Known breeding sites will also be inspected and treated as needed.
- Technicians will access areas where there are positive human cases and identify new breeding sites, collect samples, and treat the water. Known breeding sites will also be inspected and treated as needed.
- The VCESD will provide mosquito larvae-eating fish (*Gambusia affinis*) to homeowners or neighborhood associations with ornamental water gardens and/or storm water retention ponds that do not drain into the Indiana waterways (rivers, lakes, creeks, ditches, etc.)

HOST AND MOSQUITO SURVEILLANCE

Objective

Monitor non-human populations as a means of detection of arboviral activity in Allen County in order to predict the spread of diseases before the onset of human illness

Background

According to the Cornell University Center for the Environment, “birds are far more likely to become infected than people or other mammals.”ⁱⁱ The types of birds most likely to serve as hosts to the WNV include crows, blue jays, robins, cardinals and raptors (owls, falcons, hawks, and eagles).

Mammals are not as sensitive to WNV as birds. The FWACDOH will ask veterinarians and other animal specialists to monitor for unusual illness and death among mammals and exotic birds.

The number of mosquitoes capable of transmitting WNV and the prevalence of the virus in the mosquito population are both measures of the risk of transmission of the virus to humans in the same area. Nationally, several species of mosquitoes are known to carry WNV. Furthermore, infected mosquitoes are usually found several weeks before human transmission.

The VCESD will survey the adult mosquito population for WNV with gravid traps. *Culex* species are drawn to gravid traps.

Viral testing of mosquitoes provides the best warning of an impending human outbreak. The viral testing for WNV in mosquito samples obtained locally is completed at the VCESD office by staff. Excess *Culex* species will be sent to the ISDH Entomology Laboratory to test for WNV, St. Louis Encephalitis, and Eastern Equine Encephalitis. The testing methodology is both sensitive and specific.

Action Plan

- The public will be asked to report dead birds to the VCESD. Citizens will be asked the date the bird was found, address where bird was located, and bird species.
- The public will be asked to properly dispose of the birds (see Appendix I).
- The locations of dead birds will be plotted on a map using the Geographical Information System.
- Adult mosquito traps will be placed in several locations around Fort Wayne and Allen County; including parks, areas where concentrations of dead birds have fallen, and in response to public complaints. Samples will be collected and separated according to species.
- Vector species will be tested at the VCESD office by Division staff.
- The VCESD Director or designee will notify the Arboviral Surveillance Team of mosquitoes testing positive for an arboviral disease (see Appendix G).
- Maps will be created using the Geographical Information System to identify the areas with positive mosquitoes.
- Area veterinarians and other animal specialists will be contacted asking their help in identifying encephalitis and other mosquito-borne diseases in vertebrates and reporting suspected infections to the VCESD.

ADULT MOSQUITO CONTROL

Objective

Reduce the abundance of adult vector mosquitoes in targeted areas through the judicious use of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered pesticides

Background

The FWACDOH will utilize its surveillance data to assess the risk of an outbreak of human disease and the need to apply pesticides in a limited and targeted area to control adult vector mosquitoes by considering habitat; time of year; weather conditions; the level of documented virus; the distribution, density, age, infection rate, and flight path of the vector population; and the density and proximity of human populations. The response of the FWACDOH will depend upon, but not be limited to: the intensity and persistence of virus activity, proximity of virus activity to human populations, time of year, mosquito population density and flight paths, and weather conditions. Because these conditions can vary greatly and cannot be predicted, a consultation process will be used to determine which, if any, responses are appropriate, on a case-by-case basis. The responses initiated by the FWACDOH can be grouped into three broad categories or levels of risk.

Adulticiding, when necessary, will occur in the evening. WNV is prevalent in the *Culex* species, which are evening biters and have a flight path of ½ to 1 mile from the breeding site. WNV has been identified in *Aedes* and *Ochlerotatus* species, but in limited numbers. These species are daytime biters and have flight paths up to 15 miles. If positive *Aedes* and/or *Ochlerotatus* species are found, additional surveillance measures will be instituted and aggressive larviciding will occur in the targeted areas.

The following people will make the decision to adulticide: Health Commissioner, president of the Executive Board of Health or a designee, Department Administrator, and the VCESD Director. The VCESD Director will notify the Arboviral Surveillance Team of the dates, times, and locations of where adulticiding will occur (see Appendix G).

Action Plan

Level 1 – No Arboviral Detection

- Surveillance and control programs continue as outlined in the Arboviral Surveillance and Control Plan.

Level 2 – Sporadic Evidence of Arboviral Activity

- One to three positive mosquito traps per week will result in a move to Level 2 responses.
 - Increased larviciding will occur in positive areas.
 - Public education will increase in positive areas.
 - Seek assistance of identified community partners (see Appendix J) to aggressively survey areas of high viral activity in neighborhoods to locate and eliminate probable breeding sources and educate homeowners about mosquito prevention.
 - Ground application of an EPA-registered adulticide (see Appendix H) to immediate areas of concern (1/2 mile radius around positive trap).
 - The public will be notified of adulticide schedules in advance, which will allow sufficient time to take any necessary precautions to reduce pesticide exposure.
 - A press release will be sent to the media with the times and locations where the trucks will be spraying (see Appendix A).

- An email containing the press release and spray map will be sent to those on the notification list. A call will be placed to those people who are in the spray area.
- Various government departments throughout the community will receive notification of the intent to adulticide in the targeted area (see Appendix B).
- Emergency room providers will also receive notification of the intent to adulticide in the targeted area (see Appendix A).
- The times and locations will be placed on the FWACDOH's website, www.allencountyhealth.com.
- If not already present, adult mosquito traps (if available) will be placed in areas where adulticiding has been conducted to monitor the effectiveness of the treatment.
 - The samples from the traps placed into the recently sprayed areas will be tested the following day. If the samples are positive, adulticiding will occur again in the same areas after the twenty-four (24)–hour notification is provided. According to the CDC, repeat treatments may need to occur to reduce the population of *Culex* species in an area.ⁱⁱⁱ
 - Environmental surveillance of the area where there are repeat positive samples will increase to identify breeding site locations.
 - If the same area has been sprayed twice within two weeks and the trap still has positive mosquitoes after the second spraying, the VCESD Director is to meet with the Health Commissioner, Department Administrator and President of the Executive Board before spraying a third time.

Level 3 – Epidemic Evidence of Arboviral Activity

- Four or more positive mosquito traps per week will result in a move to Level 3 responses.

- Increased larviciding will occur in positive areas.
- Public education will increase in positive areas.
- Seek assistance of identified community partners (see Appendix J) to aggressively survey areas of high viral activity in neighborhoods to locate and eliminate probable breeding sources and educate homeowners about mosquito prevention.
- Ground application of an EPA-registered adulticide (see Appendix H) to immediate areas of concern (1/2 mile radius around positive trap).
- The public will be notified of adulticide schedules in advance, which will allow sufficient time to take any necessary precautions to reduce pesticide exposure.
 - A press release will be sent to the media with the times and locations where the trucks will be spraying (see Appendix A).
 - An email containing the press release and spray map will be sent to those on the notification list. A call will be placed to those people who are in the spray area.
 - Various government departments throughout the community will receive notification of the intent to adulticide in the targeted area (see Appendix B).
 - Emergency room providers will also receive notification of the intent to adulticide in the targeted area (see Appendix A).
 - The times and locations will be placed on the FWACDOH's website, www.allencounty.health.com.
- If not already present, adult mosquito traps (if available) will be placed in areas where adulticiding has been conducted to monitor the effectiveness of the treatment.
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to the CDC, repeat treatments may need to occur to reduce the population of *Culex* species in an area.^{iv}

- Environmental surveillance of the area where there are repeat positive samples will increase to identify breeding site locations.
- If the same area has been sprayed twice within two weeks and the trap still has positive mosquitoes after the second spraying, the VCESD Director is to meet with the Health Commissioner, Department Administrator and President of the Executive Board before spraying a third time.

MONITORING ADVERSE EVENTS FROM PESTICIDE EXPOSURE

Objective

Assess the number of adverse events resulting from adult mosquito control activities

Background

Since exposure to any pesticide has the potential to cause adverse reactions, particularly among those with pesticide sensitivity or respiratory conditions, the FWACDOH provides advance notification of spraying times and locations through the media and on the department website (www.allencountyhealth.com). Prior to the beginning of the mosquito season, information on the adulticide to be used by the VCESD is sent to all hospital emergency departments, which includes product information on the adulticide, Material Safety Data Sheets, and other information relevant to identifying possible exposures to the adulticide. This information is also on the department's website.

Action Plan

- During each week adulticiding is performed, the Health Commissioner or Administrative Assistant will contact local emergency departments to inquire about patients presenting with physical complaints potentially related to adulticiding (see Appendix K).
- The information will be provided to the IDC Director and VCESD Director.
- An IDC Nurse will contact all patients identified in the emergency room survey for further investigation (see Appendix L).

RESEARCH AND EVALUATION

Objective

Understand the transmission and pathogenicity of mosquito-borne diseases and to assess the effectiveness of Fort Wayne-Allen County Department of Health surveillance, prevention and control methods

Background

It is important for public health professionals to study the potential impact of a disease on a population and to create safe and effective methods for reducing the risk of disease transmission. The FWACDOH, in collaboration with the CDC and ISDH, has investigated the risk factors of WNV. Many questions remain though about how the virus circulates in nature.

Action Plan

- The FWACDOH will continue to work closely with Federal, State, and Local partners to conduct research that will identify the most effective predictors of human illness from WNV and other arboviral diseases in Fort Wayne and Allen County, including the use of dead bird cluster models.
- The FWACDOH will continue to update the response to mosquito-borne disease outbreaks based on the ongoing analyses of bird, mosquito, mammalian and human surveillance data.
- The FWACDOH will evaluate the most cost-effective methods of surveillance and control, including removing unproductive breeding sites from the list of permanent breeding sites.
- The FWACDOH will evaluate the potential public health and environmental impact of the application of pesticides for adult mosquito control.

APPROVAL

The Fort Wayne – Allen County Department of Health's Arboviral Surveillance and Control Plan for Fort Wayne and Allen County was approved by the Fort Wayne-Allen County Executive Board of Health on March 16, 2009.

Appendix A

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
August 21, 2006

NAME OF CONTACT
PHONE #

COUNTY Health Department Reports Positive Test for WNV

CITY—The COUNTY Health Department reported that a (POOL OF MOSQUITOES/DEAD BIRD) collected on DATE tested positive for WNV. This is the first reported case of WNV activity in 2006 for COUNTY.

WNV is transmitted to humans by mosquitoes that have first bitten an infected bird. A person bitten by an infected mosquito may show symptoms three to 15 days after the bite. State health officials say that in previous years, most human cases of WNV were reported between mid-July and mid-September.

The virus usually results in a mild illness known as West Nile fever, which can cause fever, headache, body aches, swollen lymph glands, or a rash. However, a small number of individuals can develop a more severe form of the disease with encephalitis or meningitis and other neurological syndromes, including flaccid muscle paralysis.

The health department recommends that local residents take the following protective steps when outdoors:

- Avoid being outdoors during prime mosquito biting times of dusk to dawn;
- Apply insect repellent containing DEET, picaradin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus to clothes and exposed skin; and
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and pants while in areas where mosquitoes are biting.

The health department is also asking residents to take steps to rid their properties of potential mosquito breeding grounds by:

- Repairing failed septic systems;
- Drilling holes in the bottom of recycling containers that are left outdoors;
- Keeping grass cut short and shrubbery trimmed;
- Disposing of old tires, tin cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots or other unused containers that can hold water;
- Cleaning clogged roof gutters, particularly if leaves tend to plug up the drains; and
- Aerating ornamental pools, or stock them with predatory fish.

Health officials report that although individuals over age 50 are at greatest risk for serious illness and even death from WNV, people of all ages have been infected with the virus and have had severe disease.

For more information, visit the COUNTY'S Web site at www.URL.com

Appendix B

External Communications Chart

Who?	Will Do?	Contact Who?
Communications Director	Notify the following regarding adulticiding	Allen County Commissioners Fort Wayne Mayor's Office Media Fort Wayne Police Dept Allen County Sheriff's Dept 911 Communications FWAC Homeland Security New Haven Mayor's Office Fort Wayne Parks Dept Allen County Parks Dept School Districts
Vector Control Director	Notify the following before mosquito season begins; Adulticide information for hospitals; Breeding site locations for the others; Fish notice to hardware/home improvement stores	Hospitals School Districts Allen County Parks Dept Fort Wayne Parks Dept New Haven Parks Dept Hardware/Home Improvement Stores
Administrative Assistant	Contact hospital emergency departments after adulticiding occurs to see if anyone from public complained of health effects of spray	Hospital Emergency Depts
IDC Nurse	Contact members of public who reported to hospital emergency departments	Members of public who reported to hospital emergency departments

Appendix C

CDC Case Definition of Neuroinvasive and Non-Neuroinvasive Domestic Arboviral Diseases

(includes diseases caused by California serogroup viruses; eastern and western equine encephalitis viruses; and Powassan, St. Louis encephalitis, and West Nile viruses)

Clinical description

Arboviral infections may be asymptomatic or may result in febrile illnesses of variable severity sometimes associated with central nervous system (CNS) involvement. When the CNS is affected, clinical syndromes include aseptic meningitis, myelitis and encephalitis, which are clinically indistinguishable from similar syndromes caused by other viruses. Arboviral meningitis is usually characterized by fever, headache, stiff neck, and pleocytosis in cerebrospinal fluid. Arboviral myelitis is usually characterized by fever and acute bulbar or limb paresis or flaccid paralysis. Arboviral encephalitis is usually characterized by fever, headache, and altered mental status ranging from confusion to coma with or without additional signs of brain dysfunction. Less common neurological syndromes can include cranial and peripheral neuritis or other neuropathies, including Guillain-Barré syndrome.

Non-neuroinvasive syndromes caused by these usually neurotropic arboviruses can rarely include myocarditis, pancreatitis, or hepatitis. In addition, they may cause febrile illnesses (e.g., West Nile fever [WNF]) that are non-localized, self-limited illnesses with headache, myalgias, arthralgias, and sometimes accompanied by skin rash or lymphadenopathy. Laboratory-confirmed arboviral illnesses lacking documented fever can occur, and overlap among the various clinical syndromes is common.

Clinical criteria for diagnosis

Cases of arboviral disease are classified either as neuroinvasive or non-neuroinvasive, according to the following criteria:

Neuroinvasive disease requires the presence of fever and at least one of the following, as documented by a physician and in the absence of a more likely clinical explanation:

- Acutely altered mental status (e.g., disorientation, obtundation, stupor, or coma), or
- Other acute signs of central or peripheral neurologic dysfunction (e.g., paresis or paralysis, nerve palsies, sensory deficits, abnormal reflexes, generalized convulsions, or abnormal movements), or
- Pleocytosis (increased white blood cell concentration in cerebrospinal fluid [CSF]) associated with illness clinically compatible with meningitis (e.g., headache or stiff neck).

Non-neuroinvasive disease requires, at minimum, the presence of documented fever, as measured by the patient or clinician, the absence of neuroinvasive disease (above), and the absence of a more likely clinical explanation for the illness. Involvement of non-neurological organs (e.g., heart, pancreas, liver) should be documented using standard clinical and laboratory criteria.

Laboratory criteria for diagnosis

Cases of arboviral disease are also classified either as confirmed or probable, according to the following laboratory criteria:

Confirmed case:

- Four-fold or greater change in virus-specific serum antibody titer, or
- Isolation of virus from or demonstration of specific viral antigen or genomic sequences in tissue, blood, CSF, or other body fluid, or
- Virus-specific immunoglobulin M (IgM) antibodies demonstrated in CSF by antibody-capture enzyme immunoassay (EIA), or
- Virus-specific IgM antibodies demonstrated in serum by antibody-capture EIA and confirmed by demonstration of virus-specific serum immunoglobulin G (IgG) antibodies in the same or a later specimen by another serologic assay (e.g., neutralization or hemagglutination inhibition).

Probable case:

- Stable (less than or equal to a two-fold change) but elevated titer of virus-specific serum antibodies, or
- Virus-specific serum IgM antibodies detected by antibody-capture EIA but with no available results of a confirmatory test for virus-specific serum IgG antibodies in the same or a later specimen.

Case definition

A case must meet one or more of the above clinical criteria and one or more of the above laboratory criteria.



VIROLOGY/IMMUNOLOGY REQUEST FORM (317) 233-8000

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ISDH Lab No _____

Date Recv'd _____

DATE OF ONSET MUST BE PROVIDED FOR TESTING SPECIMENS/FORM WITHOUT NAME AND DATE OF COLLECTION WILL NOT BE ANALYZED

Patient's Name (Last, First, Middle), Birthdate, Race, Sex, County, Occupation

Date of onset, Type of Specimen, Collection Date, Source of Specimen, Specific Agent Suspected

LABORATORY EXAMINATIONS AVAILABLE

SEROLOGY: Adenovirus, Arbovirus, Coronavirus, Coxiella, Ehrlichia, Hantavirus, Histoplasma, Influenza virus, Legionella, Mumps, Mycoplasma pneumoniae, Parainfluenza virus, Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), Rocky Mt. Spotted Fever, Rubella, Rubeola, Typhus, West Nile Virus, Varicella (VZV), Other

CULTURE: Adenovirus, Cytomegalovirus (CMV), Enterovirus, Herpes Simplex (HSV), Influenza virus, Measles, Preferred Source: Stool, Nasopharyngeal (NP), Mumps, Parainfluenza virus, Respiratory Syncytial, Rubella, Varicella virus (VZV), Other, Preferred Source: Nasopharyngeal (NP)

PCR: Norovirus, Mycoplasma pneumoniae, Preferred Source: Stool, Nasopharyngeal (NP), Other

SYMPTOMS

General: Fever, HeadAche, Sore Throat, Cough, Myalgia, Anorexia, Otitis, Parotitis; Respiratory: Common Cold, Acute Resp. Dis., Bronchitis, Pneumonitis, Pharyngitis, Upper Resp. Inf.; CNS: Encephalitis, Meningitis, Neck Rigidity, Seizures, Paralysis, Chorea; Gastrointestinal: Nausea, Vomiting, Diarrhea, Abdominal Pain, Constipation, Gastroenteritis; Exanthema: Maculopapular, Papular, Hemorrhagic, Vesicular, Petechial, Erythema Migrans, Oral Lesion, Genital Lesion; Cardiovascular: Myocarditis, Pericarditis, Endocarditis, Cardiomegaly; Ocular: Conjunctivitis, Chorioretinitis, Blurred Vision; Organomegaly: Splenomegaly, Hepatomegaly, Orchitis; Miscellaneous: Jaundice, Lymphadenopathy, Pleurodynia, Other; State of Illness: Symptomatic, Asymptomatic, Chronic, Localized, Disseminated

COMPLETE THE INFORMATION ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM

<input type="checkbox"/> Contact With And / Or	Insects _____	Birds _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Exposure To	Animals _____	Human Cases _____
	Other _____	

Similar Infection: Family? No () Yes (): Or Community? No () Yes ()

Recent travel? No () Yes () Location/Date: _____

Treatment:	Drugs Used	<input type="checkbox"/> None	Date Begun (Month/Day/Year)	Date Completed (Month/Day/Year)
1.	_____		_____	_____
2.	_____		_____	_____
3.	_____		_____	_____

Related Immunizations	Month/Year	Recent Vaccinations	Month/Year
1.	_____	1.	_____
2.	_____	2.	_____
3.	_____	3.	_____

Submitting Lab _____
Address _____
Phone _____
Fax _____
Contact Person _____

Physician's Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
Fax _____

MAILING ADDRESS

Indiana State Department of Health
Virology/Immunology
P.O. Box 7203
Indianapolis, Indiana 46707-7203

SHIPPING ADDRESS (FOR COURIER/DROP-OFF)

Indiana State Department of Health
Virology/Immunology
635 North Barnhill Drive, Room MS2023
Indianapolis, Indiana 46202

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS**SEROLOGY/VIRAL ANTIBODY**

Submit 3 ml serum collected at onset of illness followed by a convalescent serum drawn 2-3 weeks later (3-4 weeks for Legionnaires Disease). Alternatively, hold the acute for the convalescent serum and send together. Use sterile tubes with leakproof screw cap lids.

Serum specimens may be shipped without refrigeration in suitable mailing containers (e.g., ISDH type 9A)

VIRUS CULTURE

Collect specimen for virus culture as early as possible in the acute stage of illness. The usual specimens collected, depending on the virus suspected: NP swabs or throat swabs, stools or rectal swabs, cerebrospinal fluid, effusion fluid, vesicle fluids, lesion swabs or scrapings, biopsy tissue, and post mortem tissues. Use viral transport media for all swabs.

Refrigerate specimens for virus culture immediately after collection. Ship specimens within 24 hours, using ice packs in a heavily insulated box. Pack to prevent breakage or spillage and to conform to shipping regulations.

Freeze specimens for virus culture if they cannot be delivered within 24 hours. Ship frozen specimens on 10 lb. dry ice in a heavily insulated box. **Do not ship on Friday**, hold in freezer for Monday shipping.

MOLECULAR/PCR

Norovirus stool specimens must remain cold from collection to delivery and be delivered within 24 hours of collection. Use container 7A.

Mycoplasma pneumoniae nasopharyngeal (NP) swabs in M4-3 transport media must remain cold from collection to delivery and be delivered within 24 hours of collection.

Ship for overnight delivery. **Do not ship on Friday**. Insulated containers must be enclosed within a cardboard outer shipping container.

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Section 2. Clinical Information (continued)

1. IgM Testing

____/____/____
Acute Specimen Taken

Acute Value

____/____/____
Convalescent Specimen Taken

Convalescent Value

Results:

- Significant Rise in IgM Pending
- No Significant Rise in IgM Not Done
- Indeterminate Unknown

2. IgG Testing

____/____/____
Acute Specimen Taken

Acute Value

____/____/____
Convalescent Specimen Taken

Convalescent Value

Results:

- Significant Rise in IgG Pending
- No Significant Rise in IgG Not Done
- Indeterminate Unknown

Physician/Hospital that Collected Specimen

Physician/Hospital Address

City State ZIP Code

____ - ____ - ____
Physician/Hospital Phone

Was the patient hospitalized before or during infection?

- Yes No

If Yes, admission date: ____/____/____

Discharge date: ____/____/____

Hospital: _____

Did patient die?

- Yes No

Diagnosis:

- Encephalitis Meningitis
- Uncomplicated fever Asymptomatic infection
- Other clinical Unknown

1. Did patient receive blood or blood product within previous 30 days? Yes No

2. Did patient donate blood or blood product within previous 30 days? Yes No

3. Is the patient a Presumptive Viremic donor? Yes No ____/____/____
If Yes, donation date

4. Was patient an organ recipient or donor within previous 30 days? Yes No

5. Is patient pregnant? Yes No

6. Was the patient breast-feeding at the time of the illness? Yes No

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Section 3. Risk Factors

Patient's home setting:

- Urban Suburban Rural

Is the patient's home located adjacent to (check all that apply):

- Wetlands Woods Marsh/Bog Dumps
- Streams Ponds Sewage/Septic Effluent Other Area(s) of Standing Water

Are any of the following water containers located outside of the home or area (check all that apply)?

- Birdbaths Fountains Used Tires
- Garden Ponds Pools
- Other Containers, specify: _____

Does home have working screens for windows and doors?

- Yes No

During the two weeks prior to symptoms, did the patient:

Engage in outdoor activities at home?

- Yes No

If Yes, describe

____ / ____ / ____

Date

Engage in the following activities (check all that apply)?

- Camping Hiking Fishing Picnicking

If so, where

____ / ____ / ____

Date

Travel to recreational areas within county of residence?

- Yes No

If Yes, where

____ / ____ / ____

Date:

Travel outside of county of residence but within Indiana?

- Yes No

If Yes, where

____ / ____ / ____

Date

Travel outside of Indiana?

- Yes No

If Yes, where

____ / ____ / ____

Date

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Section 3. Risk Factors (Continued)

Stay overnight away from home?

Yes No

If Yes, where

____ / ____ / ____

Date

During the two weeks prior to symptoms, did the patient:

Sustain any known mosquito bites?

Yes No

____ / ____ / ____

If Yes, date:

Section 4. Diagnosis

Diagnosis:

- | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Eastern Equine Encephalitis | <input type="radio"/> Suspect | <input type="radio"/> Probable | <input type="radio"/> Confirmed |
| St. Louis Encephalitis | <input type="radio"/> Suspect | <input type="radio"/> Probable | <input type="radio"/> Confirmed |
| La Crosse Encephalitis | <input type="radio"/> Suspect | <input type="radio"/> Probable | <input type="radio"/> Confirmed |
| West Nile Encephalitis | <input type="radio"/> Suspect | <input type="radio"/> Probable | <input type="radio"/> Confirmed |
| Other | <input type="radio"/> Suspect | <input type="radio"/> Probable | <input type="radio"/> Confirmed |

If Other, specify

Section 5. Comments/Follow-up

Comments:

[Large empty box for comments]

Investigator Name

Agency

____ - ____ - ____ ____ / ____ / ____

Phone Number

Date

Appendix F

Addendum to Mosquitoborne Encephalitis Case Investigation

Additional Questions:

Mechanical Ventilation: Yes No

Disposition: Home Nursing Home Rehab

Appendix G

Arboviral Surveillance Team

Health Commissioner
Department Administrator
VCESD Director
IDC Director
Communications Director
Informatics Director
Vital Records Director
Administrative Assistant

Appendix H

LARVICIDES

Common Name &
Manufacturer's Address

Chemical Name &
Emergency Phone

Agnique Monomolecular Film

Cognis Corporation
4900 Este Ave
Cincinnati, OH 45233

Ethoxylated Alcohol

(800) 424-9300

Altosid Briquettes (30- & 150-day)

Wellmark International
1000 Tower Lane, Suite 245
Schaumburg, IL 60173

Methoprene

(800) 424-7763

VectoLex CG

Valent BioSciences Corporation
870 Technology Way, Suite 100
Libertyville, IL 60048

Bacillus sphaericus

(877) 315-9819

ADULTICIDE

Anvil 2+2 ULV

Clarke Mosquito Control Products, Inc
159 N. Garden Ave
Roselle, IL 60172

Sumithrin 2%

Piperonyl Butoxide 2%

(800) 535-5053

ULV Flushing Solvent

Clarke Mosquito Control Products, Inc
159 N. Garden Ave
Roselle, IL 60172

Petroleum Solvent

(800) 535-5053

Appendix I

DEAD BIRD DISPOSAL GUIDELINES

The FWACDOH will not be picking up dead birds this summer, but the address of where the dead birds are located is still welcomed. The Department will map out where the birds are located. Anywhere there is a cluster of dead birds within a 1 square mile area an adult mosquito trap will be placed there to collect mosquitoes for testing. The following guidelines should be used when disposing of the dead bird.

Proper Burial Guidelines

1. Do not pick up the dead bird with bare hands. Although there is no evidence of contracting WNV from direct contact with the saliva or blood of a dead bird, it is best to be on the side of caution.
2. Pick up the dead bird with disposable gloves, a plastic bag or a shovel.
3. Bury the bird four feet deep and away from water sources.
4. Disinfect the item that was used to pick up the dead bird with a disinfectant solution twice the strength recommended on the bottle.
5. Thoroughly wash hands.

DO NOT DISPOSE OF BIRDS IN GARBAGE UNLESS YOU ABSOLUTELY CANNOT BURY THEM.

Proper Disposal Guidelines

1. Do not pick up the dead bird with bare hands. Although there is no evidence of contracting WNV from direct contact with the saliva or blood of a dead bird, it is best to be on the side of caution.
2. Pick up the dead bird with disposable gloves, a plastic bag or a shovel.
3. Place the bird in a plastic bag.
4. Spray the bird with a disinfectant solution twice the strength recommended on the bottle.
5. Tie the first bag closed.
6. Place a second bag around the first bag and tie it closed.
7. Dispose of the bird in the garbage.
8. Thoroughly wash hands.

The Fort Wayne Animal Care and Control Department will have a wheelbarrow in front of their office near the fenced-in parking area. The office is located at 3020 Hillegas Road, at the corner of Butler Road and Hillegas Road. Bagged birds can be placed into the wheelbarrow.

Proper Disposal Guidelines

1. Do not pick up the dead bird with bare hands. Although there is no evidence of contracting WNV from direct contact with the saliva or blood of a dead bird, it is best to be on the side of caution.
2. Pick up the dead bird with disposable gloves, a plastic bag or a shovel.
3. Place the bird in a plastic bag.
4. Thoroughly wash hands.

Appendix J

Community Partners

Allen County Parks and Recreation Department	449-3180
Fort Wayne Neighborhood Advocate	427-1200
Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department	427-6400
Grabill	627-5227
Huntertown	637-2030
Leo-Cedarville	627-6321
Monroeville	623-6234
New Haven	749-1911
Woodburn	632-5318

Appendix K

Emergency Room Log

For Surveillance of “Chief Complaints” Related to DOH Adulticiding

Date of Adulticiding: _____

<i>Hospital/Date</i>							
Parkview							
Parkview North							
Lutheran							
Dupont							
St. Joe							
<i>Total</i>							

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