

2013 Arbovirus Management Protocol

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As during previous years, we will continue to confirm all presumptive positive laboratory results reported by physicians and private laboratories at the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene (WSLH). Case-patients testing positive at the WSLH will be reported to CDC as confirmed. Case-patients for whom specimens are unavailable for confirmatory testing at the WSLH will be reported to CDC as probable. Prompt notification of all IgM antibody test results to the DPH is essential in order for us to obtain specimens at commercial laboratories for confirmation.

The Dead Bird Reporting Hotline (1-800-433-1610) and dead bird testing for WNV will again be available for callers starting May 1, 2013 through October 31, 2013. The DPH will update its website with a listing of the number of cases and update the Wisconsin map for all WNV activities by county as new information are being received.

Important information for 2013:

- 1) The hotline staff at the USDA, Wildlife Services office, **Anita Nelson** will answer all questions regarding dead birds. Local health departments can call the Dead Bird Reporting Hotline at 1-800-433-1610. As soon as a county has **one** positive dead bird result, WNV testing of dead birds in that particular county will be discontinued for the remainder of the season.
 - *Please see the 2013 Bird surveillance instructions below for changes in procedure. Note that the shipping has been changed from FedEx to UPS shipping (refer to attachment C) since 2011; do not use old labels because the shipping company and the account number may change from year to year and the old account may no longer be active. Donna Jenkins from the USDA office (608-837-2727) can mail or email UPS shipping labels to local health departments (LHDs) upon request as needed; the UPS account number is for internal use only and should not be given to the public.
- 2) The West Nile Bird Reporting system in the PHIN (https://phin.wisconsin.gov/westnile) has been discontinued. The WEDSS, Animal Module will be used for avian data entry.
- 3) The CDC WNV Supplemental Questionnaire to assess underlying medical conditions and medication is no longer needed.
- 4) Powassan virus (POWV), a rare tickborne arbovirus seen in WI, is reportable under the Wisconsin statutory mandates as part of the arbovirus group and is a nationally notifiable disease reportable to CDC. Currently, there are no commercial tests available for POWV, but testing is available at CDC. POWV test requests should be sent to the WSLH to be forwarded to CDC for testing. Wisconsin continues to perform enhanced surveillance for

Powassan virus by requesting samples from patients that have compatible clinical signs and symptoms with a positive IgG or IgM result for an arbovirus agent for further testing at CDC.

5) West Nile virus and Lyme disease materials can be ordered directly from the Department of Health Services Forms Center.

WNV Publications:

- P-42107 "Fight the Bite" West Nile Virus in Wisconsin
- P-42166 Mosquito-borne Pocket Card: "Use Protection, Avoid Infection"
- P-49460 West Nile Virus is Something You Can Do Something About with a Few Simple Steps, CDC-998593, English.
- P-49460S West Nile Virus is Something You Can Do Something About with a Few Simple Steps, CDC-998593, Spanish.
- P-00203- West Nile Virus and Transplant Recipients, CDC-99-9919.

Lyme Publications:

- P-49287 CDC Lyme Disease brochure- A Public Information Guide, English.
- P-49287S CDC Lyme Disease brochure- A Public Information Guide, Spanish.
- P-49466 Tick card: Protect yourself from tick-borne diseases, English, CDC-CS #109745.
- P-49466S Tick card: Protect yourself from tick-borne diseases, Spanish, CDC-CS #109745.

Use the link to access the order form:

http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/forms/PrintFormsOnline.htm

Follow the instructions to fill out the form F-80025A (for up to 15 different brochure types) or F-80025B (>15 different brochure types) and email the form to Cris Caputo at dhsfmdphpph@dhs.wi.gov or if you need assistance, call (608) 267-9054.

Arbovirus Surveillance in Wisconsin

Arboviral infections may be asymptomatic or result in a febrile illness of variable severity, sometimes associated with neurologic symptoms ranging from headache to aseptic meningitis and encephalitis. Arboviral encephalitis cannot be distinguished clinically from infection with other neurotropic viruses. Symptoms include fever, headache, confusion or other alterations in sensory, nausea, or vomiting. Signs of severe illness may include evidence of elevated intracranial pressure, meningeal irritation, cranial nerve palsies, paresis or paralysis, altered reflexes or convulsions. Less common neurological syndromes can include cranial and peripheral neuritis/neuropathies, including Guillain-Barré syndrome. Arboviruses causing encephalitis include the following:

Mosquito-borne viruses occurring in the United States:

- West Nile virus (WNV)
- St. Louis encephalitis (SLEV)
- California serogroup viruses [serogroup includes La Crosse (LACV), Jamestown Canyon (JCV), Snowshoe Hare (SSHV), and California encephalitis (CEV)]
- Eastern equine encephalitis (EEEV)
- Western equine encephalitis (WEEV)

Tickborne virus occurring in United States:

• Powassan encephalitis virus (POWV)

Mosquito-borne viruses associated with traveling to an endemic country:

- Dengue virus (DENV)
- Japanese encephalitis virus (JEV)
- Chikungunya virus (CHIKV)

These viruses may also cause non-neuroinvasive syndromes, most commonly manifesting as febrile illnesses. These are non-localized, self-limited illnesses with headache, myalgias, and arthralgias and sometimes accompanied by a skin rash or lymphadenopathy. Although rare, non-neuroinvasive syndromes caused by these viruses may also include myocarditis, pancreatitis or hepatitis. Laboratory confirmation of arboviral illnesses lacking a documented fever does occur, and overlap of the various clinical syndromes is common.

WISCONSIN CASE DEFINITION: An illness is classified as a case if it meets one or more of the following clinical criteria, **AND** one or more of the following laboratory criteria, **AND** occurred when and where there is a high likelihood of vector activity.

- A. REPORTING CRITERIA: Laboratory evidence with a compatible clinical illness.
 - Laboratories should report all positive test results.
 - Providers should report patient's demographic and clinical information, and onset date.
- B. CLINICAL CRITERIA FOR DIAGNOSIS: Clinical cases of arboviral diseases are classified according to the following criteria:

Neuroinvasive disease requires the presence of fever (≥100.4°F or 38°C) and at least one of the following signs and symptoms, as documented by a physician and in the absence of a more likely clinical explanation:

- Acutely altered mental status (e.g., disorientation, confusion, memory deficit, stupor, coma), OR
- Aseptic meningitis, encephalitis, OR
- Acute flaccid paralysis (AFP); AFP may result from anterior "polio" myelitis, peripheral neuritis, or post-infection peripheral demyelinating neuropathy (i.e., Guillain-Barre syndrome), OR
- Stiff neck, seizures, limb weakness, sensory deficits, abnormal reflexes, abnormal movements, cranial nerve palsies, OR

• Pleocytosis (increased white blood cell count) in cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) or abnormal neuroimaging

Non-neuroinvasive disease requires the presence of documented fever (≥100.4°F or 38°C), 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. Signs and symptoms may include, fever, headache, stiff neck, myalgias, arthralgias, rash, lymphadenopathy, nausea or vomiting.

C. LABORATORY CRITERIA FOR CONFIRMATION: Cases of arboviral disease are classified according to the following laboratory criteria:

Confirmed result:

- Isolation of virus from or demonstration of specific viral antigen or nucleic acid in tissue, blood, CSF, or other body fluid, OR
- Fourfold or greater change in virus-specific quantitative antibody titers between acute (within 2 weeks after onset date) and convalescent sample (2-4 weeks after onset date), OR
- Virus-specific immunoglobulin M (IgM) antibodies in serum by antibody-capture enzyme immunoassay (MAC-ELISA) or microsphere immunoassay (MIA) AND confirmed by demonstration of virus specific neutralizing antibodies in the same or later specimen by PRNT, OR
- Virus-specific IgM antibodies in CSF and a negative result for other arbovirus IgM antibodies in CSF endemic to the region where exposure occurred.

Probable result:

• Virus-specific IgM antibodies in CSF or serum, but with no other testing in the same or later specimen.

Arboviral transmission varies according to local climatic conditions and West Nile virus-specific IgM antibody can be detectable for more than a year following infection. Therefore, the importance of a recent travel history and thorough serologic testing cannot be overemphasized. IgG antibody can be detected throughout a person's lifetime after an infection. Thus, a positive IgG and a negative IgM may indicate previous infection at some point in time.

2013 Laboratory Testing Capability (Humans)

Positive results from a single serologic test can be misleading because serologic cross-reactivity often occurs between closely related arboviruses. It is therefore recommended that an arbovirus panel which includes testing for arboviruses occurring in Wisconsin (WN, SLE, LAC/CA, EEE, JC, and POW viruses) be requested when there is clinical suspicion of arboviral disease, rather than requesting individual tests. Powassan virus testing at CDC should be added to the arbovirus panel if patient exhibits signs and symptoms including confusion, memory loss, speech difficulty, change in mental status, encephalitis or meningitis.

Available diagnostic tests at the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene (WSLH) include IgM capture enzyme immunoassays (IgM CEIA) that will identify IgM antibodies in serum and cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) specific to LACV and EEEV. A microsphere immunoassay (MIA) is used to test serum and CSF for IgM specific to WNV and SLEV. Clinicians should also consider enterovirus PCR and culture testing of the CSF (WSLH test code 1507 PCR) for patients with apparent aseptic meningitis. Requests for testing for other arboviruses will be forwarded to CDC.

<u>Confirmatory testing</u>: The WSLH will no longer perform the Plaque Reduction Neutralization assay (PRNT) on equivocal results, but will send them to CDC for confirmation. The decision to perform confirmatory testing will require approval of the Division of Public Health (DPH) or the WSLH. Confirmatory testing for other arboviruses (LAC, JC, EEE, WEE, SLE, POW, and DEN viruses) will continue to be performed by the CDC.

<u>Fee-exempt testing</u>: Fee-exempt testing for arbovirus infection will be offered to clinicians whose patients meet one of the following criteria:

- Confirmatory testing of positive test results performed at laboratories other than the WSLH;
- The patient is over 65 years of age with signs and symptoms of meningitis (fever, headache and stiff neck) or encephalitis (fever, headache, and altered mental status ranging from confusion to coma) with no other laboratory diagnosis;
- The patient has a diagnosis of Guillain-Barré syndrome and no other laboratory diagnosis.
- The local health department requests fee-exempt testing be performed because the casepatient lacks insurance coverage or the ability to pay.

<u>Fee-for-service</u>: The WSLH will again provide fee-for-service testing for arbovirus infections. Meeting clinical criteria is **not** required to submit serum or CSF specimens to the WSLH for fee-for-service arboviral screening.

Collection and shipping of clinical specimens to the WSLH

- Specimens submitted to the WSLH for fee-exempt testing must include the WSLH **Attachment A- Enhanced Wisconsin Arbovirus Surveillance Form**.
- Specimens submitted for fee-for-service testing must use the WSLH CDD Requisition Form B.
- At least 3-7 mls of serum (SST tube) and/or ≥1ml of CSF in sterile screw-capped vials should be submitted on cold packs. Please contact the WSLH-Clinical Stock Orders at 1-800-862-1088 or 608-265-2966 to order kits and to obtain WSLH CDD Requisition Form B.
- It is **essential** that the lab requisition forms be as complete as possible including **the patient** name, city, date of birth, specimen type, submitting agency, collection date and time.

2013 Positive Human Arbovirus Reporting and Follow-Up

- The WSLH reports positive human arboviral test results by electronic reporting (ELR) to DPH and reports all test results to the agency submitting the sample.
- The DPH will promptly report by phone all positive human arboviral test results to the LHD where the patient resides. Vice versa, the LHD should report by phone to DPH any presumptive positive from physicians or commercial labs within 24 hours even if cases have been entered into Electronic Disease Surveillance System (WEDSS) so that we can quickly obtain specimens from the private labs for confirmation. Most commercial labs will throw out their samples after one week.
- If it is determined that the patient does not reside within the jurisdiction of the LHD, that health department is expected to forward the case to the appropriate LHD for follow up.
- The LHD should contact the physician and the submitting laboratory or hospital infection preventionists (IP) regarding these test results.
- The LHD should ensure the test results have been relayed to the healthcare provider, patient, or hospital IPs before any patient follow-up investigation.
- Once the follow-up has been completed and the paperwork returned to DPH, if the case definition is met then the case will be counted in the state total, the DHS WNV website will be updated to reflect the case, and the case will be reported to CDC.
- With the exception of the first human **confirmed case** of West Nile virus infection identified in the state for the season, an unusual outbreak of cases, or introduction of a new arbovirus into the state, any of which may prompt a statewide press release, the decision about releasing information on subsequent positive cases will be up to the LHD. The DPH can provide the LHD with a press release template if needed.
- The only information DPH will release regarding positive human cases includes acknowledgement of the positive case, the onset date of the illness, and county of residence of the positive individual. No patient demographic information (address, phone, physician, where patient is hospitalized, or illness status) will be released. Protection of an individual's privacy is of paramount concern when releasing information on human infections. The same criteria will apply should any individuals succumb to the disease.

2013 Bird Surveillance (WNV)

Corvid Surveillance (crows, blue jays, and ravens):

The DPH is requesting the report of **all** sick and dead corvids from May 1 to October 31, 2013 for WNV testing. Reporting of other dead/sick species is also encouraged.

- The USDA, Wildlife Services office will continue to manage the Wisconsin Dead Bird Reporting Hotline 1-800-433-1610. Please contact the USDA office, Donna Jenkins at 608-837-2727, or Anita Nelson at the dead bird reporting hotline at 1-800-433-1610 to report all sick and dead corvids, request shipping kits prior to shipment, notify them when you are ready to ship a dead bird for testing, and request new UPS shipping labels.
- New change in bird data entry. The Public Health Information Network (PHIN) is no longer available for bird reporting. We are relying on assistance from LHDs as well as other local entities including animal control staff to enter dead birds (collected for testing) information on the Wisconsin Electronic Disease Surveillance System (WEDSS), animal module. The USDA office will also be entering into WEDSS any dead or sick bird reported, but with no sample collected for testing. This will provide data entry and tracking capabilities for reporting sick and dead birds, printing reports, and accessing summaries of dead bird reporting and testing. LHDs should not send bird reporting forms to DPH, WVDL, or USDA for WEDSS data entry.
- WEDSS access, Animal Module. Please have your Local Health Officer or Local WEDSS Administrator sends an email to DHSWEDSS@wi.gov with a complete list of individuals at that health department needing access to the Animal Module. Please make sure to indicate which individuals already have WEDSS access, and which do not. Users that do not currently have WEDSS access will need to fill out a user security agreement to be kept on file at the Local Public Health agency (LPHA) and will be provided some additional instructions from the WEDSS program. Once you have access, you can log into WEDSS Reporter to look up or enter data at https://wedss.wisconsin.gov/webvcmr/pages/login/login.aspx.
- LHD new procedure for collecting birds for testing. When a citizen calls the WI Dead Bird Reporting Hotline to request testing on a collected dead bird, the USDA office will instruct the person to call the local health department (LHD) where he/she resides to report. The LHD should collect bird information and enter into WEDSS. Since the Attachment D- Sick/Dead Bird reporting form required fields have been programmed into WEDSS, you can print the completed form and include it with the bird sample for shipping to the WVDL instead of filling out the hard copy of the form. When one WNV positive bird is detected within a county, corvid specimens from that county will no longer be accepted for testing.
- New 2013 UPS shipping labels. Before shipping the bird sample and form, please call the Dead Bird Reporting Hotline (1-800-433-1610) or the USDA office (608-837-2727) to let them know that you are sending out the shipment and the WEDSS number for the sample. If you have multiple birds collected at the same time and are using the same box for shipping, each bird and form should be given their own WEDSS number and should be package in a separate zip-lock bag. The USDA office will give you a new 2013 UPS shipping for

transporting dead birds to WVDL for testing (see attachment C for complete collection and shipping information). **Old UPS labels should be discarded.** USDA will send you a UPS shipping label by mail or email with the UPS account number to be used internally and not to be shared with the public. **All bird samples sent without a copy of the Attachment D** – **Sick/Dead Bird reporting form may be discarded.** The required reporting form can be filled out manually and information can be entered into WEDSS or enter information directly into WEDSS and then print out the form from WEDSS (see attachment below).

- New change in bird shipping location. Birds that are suitable for testing outlined in
 Attachment C- 2013 West Nile Virus Corvid Collection/Shipment Instructions should be
 shipped to the Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (WVDL), Attention: Dr. Kathy
 Kurth, WNV, 445 Easterday Lane, Madison, Wisconsin 53706. WVDL will test dead birds
 for WNV using PCR performed on a skin biopsy.
- All WNV test results from corvid bird surveillance will be posted to WEDSS, animal module, by the WVDL and will be available to LHDs as the tests are completed.
- DPH will promptly report only WNV positive bird(s) and WEDSS number by phone or email to the respective LHD. For other birds' information, LHDs may access WEDSS for all reported birds.
- We request that the LHD contact the bird submitter (i.e., resident, DNR, animal control officer or veterinarian) to inform them of positive test results.
- With the exception of the first WNV birds identified in the state, which may be a statewide news event, the LHD will decide whether to release information to the public on subsequent positive cases. A press release template is available from the DPH.
- Once the LHD is informed of positive test results, WNV positive birds will be posted to the WNV surveillance activity map on the DPH website at http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/communicable/ArboviralDiseases/WestNileVirus/Index.htm.

Non-Corvids, Significant Mortality in Birds, and Mammals Surveillance. Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) West Nile Virus Non-Corvid Surveillance Plan for 2013:

Reports of sick/dead non-corvid birds should be referred to the local DNR office/Wildlife Biologist or the WI Dead Bird Reporting Hotline (1-800-433-1610). As part of the ongoing collaboration in avian surveillance, the WI Dead Bird Reporting Hotline will relay any die-off (5 or more sick/dead wildlife) reports to the WDNR. Reports of sick/dead mammals should be referred to the local DNR office/Wildlife Biologist.

Equine Surveillance (WNV)

• The Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (WVDL) will continue to notify DPH of positive results.

- The DPH will forward, either by phone or by FAX, basic information on the animal and the test results to the LHD where the animal or animal owner resides. Specific information on individual cases can be requested from the DPH. Please be aware that equine information related to arboviral surveillance held by LHD staff is not protected by medical confidentiality. Past requests to LHDs for equine information resulted in health departments being legally obligated to provide the information requested.
- Once the LHD, veterinarian, and horse owner are informed of the test results, information on WNV positive horse cases will be posted to the DPH WNV web site with the next update. Information posted will only identify a positive horse and the county where it resides.

Attachments:

- 1. **Attachment A**: WSLH Enhanced Wisconsin Arbovirus Surveillance Form (rev04/13). This form should be used to order human arbovirus testing, enclosed with the samples, and sent to the WSLH.
- 2. **Attachment B**: Arbovirus Infection Follow-up Form, CDES 103 (rev7/10).
- 3. Attachment C: West Nile Virus Corvid Collection/Shipment Instructions (rev04/13).
- 4. **Attachment D**: Wisconsin West Nile Virus Surveillance- Sick/Dead Bird Reporting Form (rev04/13).

Attachment A: Enhanced Wisconsin Arbovirus Surveillance (rev04/13) *WISCONSIN STATE LABORATORY OF HYGIENE*

Patient Name (Last, First)	SUBMITTING AGENCY: (Name & Address)
Patient Address	
Patient City	
Patient State if not Wisconsin	Physician's NameAgency Telephone #:
Age or Date of Birth:	SLH Agency#:
Patient Sex: M/F	Bill to: 609 Study: Arbo Surv
Specimen Type: CSF (must be iced in transit) (Note: Both CSF and serum are recommended in acute	Acute Serum Convalescent Serum
Collection Date: Illness On	set Date:
Hospitalized? Yes No Travel Hi	istory:
Reason for Testing: Symptoms:	10 0 0 0
(Note: The request must meet one of the following cri	
The patient is over 65 years old with signs and symp	
(fever, headache and stiff neck) or encephalitis (fever confusion to coma) with no other laboratory diagnos	er, headache, and altered mental status ranging from
The patient is diagnosed with Guillain-barre' syndron	
Approved by local health department	
WSLH Test Names & Codes	
☐ Eastern Equine Encephalitis IgM CEIA Ab (2437☐ La Crosse Encephalitis IgM CEIA Ab (2440M)☐ West Nile Virus/ St. Louis Encephalitis IgM (2443☐ Arbovirus IgM Panel (2435)	
may be used. Specimens should be shipped to: Wisconsin State Labo	
53706 (Note: Separate specimens and forms should be submitted)	

Attachment B: Wisconsin Arbovirus Infection Follow-up Form

Department of Health Services CDES # 103 (07/10)

Division of Public Health Wisconsin Arbovirus Infection Follow-up Form Patient / Physician Information Patient's Name Patient Phone Street Address: County of Residence: City: State: Zip Code: Agency Reporting (name and address): Physician (name and address): Physician Phone: LHD Reporting: Date reported to HD: Date Rec'd at LHD: ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native Sex: ■ Male Date of birth: Ethnicity: ☐ Hispanic ☐ Asian ☐ Female Non-Hispanic Black or African American White ☐ Unknown Unknown ■ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander □ Unknown Was the patient Patient hospitalized? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unk Admission date: Patient died from this illness? pregnant? Yes No □ No □ Unk Hospital Discharge date □ Unk □ West Nile virus □ La Crosse ☐ Dengue St. Louis Encephalitis
Other: ☐ Western Equine Encephalitis
☐ Powassan ■ Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) Chikungunya Laboratory Testing Results Test Method Specimen Source Arbovirus test Collection Date (positive, negative, or equivocal and (e.g. serum, CSF) (e.g. PCR, EIA) (agent/antibody) index/titer) 2 3 4 Laboratory performing test: ☐ WSLH ☐ CDC ☐ Commercial Laboratory (please specify) (Note: IgM+ results from commercial labs must be verified at the WSLH or CDC. A positive IgG and negative IgM usually indicates past infection.) Clinical Information Signs and Symptoms: Date of Onset: ☐ Asymptomatic ☐ Rash ☐ Fever ☐ Chills ☐ Headache □ Photophobia ☐ Fatique/Weakness ☐ Muscle Aches ☐ Joint Pain ☐ Stiff Neck ☐ Disorientation ☐ Vomiting □ Nausea □ Diarrhea ☐ Memory deficit ☐ Confusion ☐ Slurred speech ☐ Coma ☐ Tremors ☐ Convulsions ☐ Seizures ☐ Gait/balance difficulty ☐ Other (please specify) : Was meningitis, encephalitis, or acute flaccid paralysis (AFP) documented? ☐ Meningitis ☐ Encephalitis ☐ AFP If DENGUE, did the patient have any of the following during their illness? Previous history of dengue: year ☐ Vomit with blood ☐ Nasal bleeding ☐ Petichiae ☐ Purpura/Ecchymosis ■ Blood in stool ■ Bleeding in gums ☐ Pleural or abdominal effusion ☐ Eye pain □ Blood in urine □ Vaginal bleeding ☐ Pallor or cool skin ☐ Body pain
☐ Rapid, weak pulse □ Plasma leakage ☐ Conjunctivitis □ Jaundice ☐ Thrombocytopenia ■ Narrow pulse pressure ☐ Other (please specify) : Risk of Exposure During the 30 days prior to the onset of illness, did the patient do any of the following: ☐ Receive blood or blood products (transfusion) Date of transfusion_ ☐ Receive organ transplant Date of transplant_ During the 14 days prior to the onset of illness did the patient travel (excluding normal travel)? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown If yes: Start date: ___/___/ ___ End date _ Location Did the patient have a known history of mosquito exposure and/or bites within the 14 days prior to the onset of illness? ☐ Yes, exposure only ☐ Yes, bites ☐ No exposure □ Unknown Did the patient have a known history of tick exposure and/or bites within the 14 days prior to the onset of illness? ☐ No exposure □ Unknown ☐ Yes, exposure only Does the patient use mosquito/tick repellent that contains DEET when outdoors for more than 30 minutes: ☐ Most of the time □ Sometimes During the 30 days prior to the onset of illness, did the patient do any of the following: ■ Donate blood or blood products Date__/__/ Identified by donor screening: ☐ Yes ☐ No □ Donate organs Date___ Agency and contact information: **If WEST NILE VIRUS** Was the patient infected in utero? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

Was the patient breastfeeding at the time of symptom onset? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

Attachment C: WEST NILE VIRUS CORVID COLLECTION/SHIPMENT INSTRUCTIONS (rev04/13)

- 1. Collect freshly dead, non-scavenged crows, blue jays, and ravens. The corvid carcass should be intact and skin must be present. ***
- 2. Live sick birds should be humanely euthanized by injection of barbiturate euthanasia solution or by cervical dislocation.
- 3. Wear rubber gloves when handling sick or dead birds. If you have no gloves, insert your hand into a clean plastic bag, pick up the bird with the bagged hand, invert the bag over the bird and seal the bag.
- 4. Freeze birds as soon as possible after collection.
- 5. Place each bird in an individual plastic bag and seal. If more than one bird is shipped, each bag must be identified. Double bag the individual carcasses as a group.
- 6. For each bird or group of birds submitted from one location, complete an "Attachment D-Wisconsin West Nile Virus Surveillance: Sick/Dead Bird Reporting Form". Include a copy of this form with each submitted bird. Information needed for each bird must include:
 - a. species
 - b. date collected
 - c. location (e.g. street address/city/zip code, or township/section/range)
 - d. found dead or euthanized
 - e. additional history as requested on the Sick/Dead Bird Reporting Form *Cooperators (who have access) may enter the information on the WEDSS and then include the printout of the reporting form.
- 7. Birds can be shipped in Styrofoam or plastic coolers placed inside a cardboard box as the final shipping container. Insert newspaper or other fill into the space between the sides of the box and the cooler to prevent breakage or leakage. Line the cooler with a large plastic bag and pack the carcasses in the cooler with ice packs. Place crumpled newspaper or similar absorbent material into the cooler with the bagged carcasses to fill unused space, keep the ice packs in contact with the carcasses, and provide insulation. Tape the cooler or box shut with strapping tape.
- 8. Place the "Sick/Dead Bird Reporting Form" in a Ziploc bag and place the Ziploc bag in the shipping container with specimen.

- 9. Notify the Dead Bird Reporting Hotline at the USDA office that you have a shipment and the WEDSS number. They will give you a new UPS label, do not use old labels. Arrange shipment via UPS for delivery to WVDL. DO NOT SHIP PACKAGES ON FRIDAYS!
 - a. Fill out the date, your name, company/agency, address, and telephone number.
 - b. Check to make sure the recipient's information on the label is correct with the following information:

WI Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory Attention: Dr. Kathy Kurth, WNV 445 Easterday Lane Madison, WI 53706

10. Styrofoam boxes, coldpaks, and shipping labels for shipping birds can be sent to you upon request. Please contact the Dead Bird 'Hotline' staff at 1-800-433-1610 to request containers for corvid shipments.

*** For other bird species, contact the Dead Bird hotline or local DNR office to find out whether it can be tested for WNV or other diseases by the DNR.

Attachment D: Wisconsin West Nile Virus Surveillance- Sick/Dead Bird Reporting Form

Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory For Office use only: WEDSS # : Rev04/2013				
				Wisconsin West Nile Virus Surveillance: Sick/Dead Bird Reporting Form
Person Completing Fo	orm:			
Name:		Reported date://	_	
Agency:		Phone:		
Dead Corvid (crow, b	lue jay, raven) Information:			
Species:		Date Bird found:/		
Bird mortality (check o	ne): found de	ead euthanized		
Location where dead bird was found:				
Address/Location:		City:		
County:	State:	Zip Code:		
2) Describe sick bird		Yes No		
Is this bird being subm	itted for WNV testing?	Yes No		
Date collected:	// Date sh	hipped:/		
Lab Information (to be	completed by lab staff only -	please check all samples collected)		
Sample collected:	□Skin			
	□Brain			
Rird Age (indicate fled	oino or adult):			

TO SHIP A DEAD CORVID: When shipping a bird for WNV testing, include a copy of this form with the carcass.

TO ONLY REPORT A DEAD CORVID: With prior approved access, enter this information into the WEDSS, animal module, FAX, or phone this information to Dead Bird Hotline staff. FAX: 608-837-6754 or PHONE: 1-800-433-1610.