

Central Mass. Mosquito Control Project Weekly Report- 7/9/23-7/15/23 EPI Week #28

Target Species	Ae. vex	Cq. per	Cs. mel	Oc. can	Culex	All Species
No. Pools	147	168	29	197	351	1850
Total Specimens	2111	6369	78	4221	8744	26483
No. Pools WNV +	0	0	0	0	1†	1†
No. Pools EEE +	0	0	0	0	0	0

Cumulative Surveillance Summary

[†]Pool of WNV+ *Culex* collected in Worcester on 7/7/23

Weather Summary (Northborough, MA): The weather for this particular week averaged 75.76°F with a recorded high temperature of 94.10°F and a recorded low temperature of only 62.80°F. For this week there was also a total of 2.54 inches of rain observed. Compared to the previous week, it was approximately 0.36°F warmer on average, and rained about 0.08 inches less. There has been 5.16 inches of rain accumulated in July, after 3.50 inches for the month of June.

CMMCP Mosquito Summary-

Target Species	Δ From	Δ From	Predominant Trap Site(s)	
	Last Week	Last Year		
Aedes vexans	-3.960%	+3456%	Gardner, Ayer	
Coquillettidia perturbans	+280.0%	-74.42%	Westborough, Boxborough, Ayer	
Culiseta melanura	-100.0%	-92.02%	N/A	
Ochlerotatus canadensis	+147.4%	+206.4%	Billerica, Gardner	
Culex Species	-41.30%	+293.3%	Hopedale, Littleton, Boxborough	
All Species	+24.40%	-13.39%	Westborough, Gardner, Ayer	

The predominant mosquito for the week was *Culex* followed by *Coquillettidia perturbans*.

General narrative:

The temperatures for EPI week 28 averaged approximately 0.36°F warmer than the previous week, with 2.54 inches of precipitation observed. Overall surveillance trap collections increased this period compared to the last, largely due to the increase in *Coquillettidia perturbans*. Despite the weekly increase, *Coquillettidia perturbans* emergence still remains much lower than in the previous year. *Culex* was again the most abundant mosquito for the week, followed still by *Coquillettidia perturbans*. Increasing temperatures and the continued emergence of *Coquillettidia perturbans* should contribute to higher collections moving forward. *Aedes albopictus* surveillance using ovitraps has continued, with 12,446 eggs collected and submitted so far. One mosquito pool submitted to MDPH in EPI week 27 tested positive for West Nile virus, a collection of *Culex* from Worcester.

Ae. albopictus egg collections:

Epi week#	# eggs Collected	Epi week#	# eggs Collected				
23	0	32					
24	0	33					
25	649	34					
26	3,306	35					
27	4,928	36					
28	3,563	37					
29		38					
30		39					
31		40					
	TOTAL	12,446					
No ATM detections to date							

Operational notes:

Service requests are 30.4% below the 20-year average and a 34% decrease over 2022 numbers to date. Request numbers held steady from the week prior. Work crews began performing catch basins treatments for *Culex* control on May 22. 6,948 basins were treated in Epi week 28, with 57,462 catch basins treated to date intended to suppress *Culex* populations and lower risk of transmission from WNV by this species.

With the confirmation on July 12 of WNV in the Burncoat section of Worcester, CMMCP has coordinated with local health officials and the area will receive ULV spraying on July 18, 2023 after sunset, weather permitting. The City has sent out a press release and will perform a reverse 911 call in the affected area.











