

West Nile Virus in Peel Weekly Update June 23, 2004

This is a regular update on the status of West Nile Virus in the Region of Peel.
Updates will continue until October.

To report dead crows, stagnant water and suspected mosquito breeding sites,
or for general information about West Nile Virus:

Call Health Line Peel at 905-799-7700
Caledon residents call toll free at 905-584-2216

Surveillance Update

To date, there are no reports of human WNV infection in Canada.

There have been no WNV positive crows reported in Peel. There is only one additional WNV infected bird in Canada this week, in Quebec. The total of WNV infected birds are now Quebec (7), Ontario (23) and Saskatchewan (2).

United States

The number of human cases of WNV infection in the U.S. has increased from 14 last week to 32 this week. Affected areas include; Arizona (20), California (6), New Mexico (1), South Dakota (1), Wyoming (1) Nebraska (1), and Florida (2).

Evidence of WNV in mosquitoes, birds and animals continues to be seen in more states each week. To date, 27 states have evidence of WNV activity, up from 24 last week.

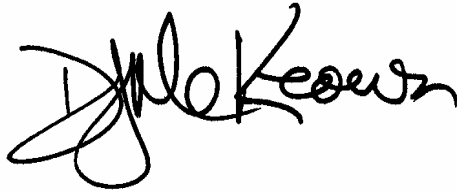
West Nile Virus Surveillance Region of Peel 2004	WEEK OF JUNE 17 – 23				YEAR TO DATE			
	Peel Total	Brampton	Caledon	Mississauga	Peel Total	Brampton	Caledon	Mississauga
Dead Crow Reports	4	1	3	0	20	3	16	1
Crows Positive for WNV	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mosquito Pools Positive for WNV	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Confirmed Human Cases	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Probable Human Cases	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Prevention and Control Measures

Pestalto, the licensed pesticide applicator hired by Peel Health, is larviciding as scheduled. On June 22, they will begin larviciding in Brampton starting in west Brampton at Creditview Rd. and proceeding across the city in an easterly direction. Catch basins that have been treated will be marked with a blue dot. This is the first of three applications. The larviciding program will continue until August.

Further information on West Nile Virus and Peel's 2004 WNV Prevention Plan can be found through:

- Health Line Peel at 905-799-7700, Caledon residents call toll-free at 905-584-2216
- www.peel-bugbite.ca
- Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care web site www.health.gov.on.ca

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