

West Nile Virus in Peel Update June 4, 2003

This is a regular update on the status of West Nile Virus in the Region of Peel.

To report dead crows, standing 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

An error in the number of dead crow reports published in the May 28, 2003 WNV update has been rectified in the year to date section of this week's report. Although we have been receiving many dead bird reports, none of the birds have been crows in the past week. This is a finding consistent with the experience of many health units across Ontario.

West Nile Virus Surveillance Region of Peel 2003	WEEK OF May 26 – June 1, 2003				YEAR TO DATE			
	Peel Total	Brampton	Caledon	Mississauga	Peel Total	Brampton	Caledon	Mississauga
Dead Crow Reports	0	0	0	0	25	3	3	19
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

The first application of the larvicide, methoprene, to Mississauga catch basins will be completed this week. The pesticide applicator is completing the south western area of Mississauga and then will begin to treat catch basins in Brampton. After the pesticide applicators inspect and/or treat the catch basin, they paint the catch basin to indicate the action taken. A green paint blotch indicates that the catch basin has been treated.

A red paint blotch indicates that no action has been taken, most likely due to a lack of standing water.

Adult mosquito activity has been minimal due to the cool weather. Very few mosquitoes have been found in adult mosquito traps located throughout the Region.

Two public information sessions on WNV have been organized for June. A presentation and question period will be provided as well as a WNV display with educational print material. The meeting dates and locations are as follows:

Mississauga

Tuesday, June 17, 2003, 7 – 9 pm
Mississauga Living Arts Centre
Staging Theatre
4141 Living Arts Drive
Mississauga, Ontario

Caledon

Monday, June 23, 2003, 7 – 9 pm
Caledon Municipal Building
Council Chambers
6311 Old Church Road
Caledon East, Ontario

Further information on West Nile Virus and the WNV Prevention and Control Plan in Peel 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 Ontario and Long Term Care Web Site www.health.gov.on.ca



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