

West Nile Virus – Corvid Specimen Test Requisition

(In accordance with Act 380, Public Acts 1965, as amended)

West Nile Virus WEBSITE www.michigan.gov/westnilevirus

West Nile Virus HOT LINE 1-888-668-0869

FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
MSU-DCPAH CASE #:

DCPAH BIRD #	DATE RECEIVED	MDCH SPECIMEN NUMBER
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Michigan Department of Community Health – Bureau of Laboratories

To order test supplies (Unit #18), fax requests to 517-335-9039, or call 517-335-9867

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH), and local health departments are taking reports on dead bird sightings within Michigan, especially crows. While there is interest in the collection of information about dead birds as part of our efforts to understand West Nile Virus (WNV), we will not be testing every dead bird reported. Local health departments will only be collecting a small sample of those birds found and reported dead. However, we encourage state residents and other agencies (local animal control, and Wildlife Division – Department of Natural resources) to report all sightings of dead crows and related species to the State of Michigan as part of our WNV monitoring efforts.

Upon discovery of a dead bird, it should be reported to the local health department, or via the State of Michigan West Nile Virus Website at www.michigan.gov/westnilevirus. The health department or West Nile Virus website will alert you as to whether the bird should be submitted for testing. Non-corvid species must be observed with abnormal neurologic signs, prior to death, to be considered for testing. You should always avoid barehanded contact when handling dead birds. Use disposable gloves to put the dead bird in a double plastic bag. If gloves are not available, invert a plastic bag and scoop up the bird with the bag. If the dead bird has been reported and will not be tested, then place the bagged carcass in an outdoor garbage can for disposal. If the dead bird will be tested, your local health department will advise you as to procedures for delivery or pick up of the bird carcass. Results of corvid testing will be posted to the West Nile Virus Website bi-weekly.

PLEASE FILL OUT ONE FORM FOR EACH BIRD SUBMITTED

Enter all information requested below. This information will be kept strictly confidential.

Species of Dead Bird, if known (crow, blue jay etc.) _____

County where bird was found: _____ Date Found: _____

Address or Street Name _____

Cross Street/Between _____ & _____

City/Town/Village/Township _____ Zip Code _____

If public site, provide name: (i.e., Belle Isle Park, Joe Lewis Park, etc.) _____

Dead Bird found by - Name of person reporting the Dead Bird:

Full Name _____ Home/Work Phone _____

Address _____ City _____

State/ZIP Code _____ Today's Date _____

Specimen Submitted by (if different from finder):

Name _____ Agency _____

Address _____ City/Town/Village/Township _____

Zip Code _____ Phone Number _____

DCPAH (ADHL) Results/Comments: _____

Wrap this form around the Styrofoam container containing the oral swab. You may want to make a copy for your own records. Mail this unit via U.S. Priority Mail by completing the enclosed, pre-addressed, Diagnostic Specimen return mailing label & using the postage stamps provided to:



The Diagnostic Center for Population and Animal Health
P.O. Box 30076
Lansing MI 48909-7536
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