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Vectorborne Disease Surveillance Update & New Rabies PEP Reporting Requirement

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2019 Arbovirus Summary
West Nile Virus – 2018 National Data*

~2,500 WNV cases
>120 fatalities

*provisional data as of 12/11/18
WNV- MI Epidemiology

Geographic Distribution - Statewide

Seasonal epidemic late summer into fall

Habitat Distribution– primarily urban/suburban

Humans – 1 in 150 severe symptoms; up to 20% mild; and 80% no symptoms
  • Age Distribution – all ages, primarily older (50+)

Key Factors – *Culex* species & birds, hot/ dry summers
Michigan: West Nile virus human cases, 2002-2018
2018 WNV Epidemiology in Michigan

Cases: 104
Fatalities: 9
Asymptomatic Blood Donors: 12

Neuroinvasive: 79%
Fever: 21%

Onset Range: June 19 – Oct. 20
Age Range: 19 – 92
Median Age: 65
Male: 64%

69% of WNV cases in four counties
2018 Arbovirus EPI Curve
Michigan Mosquito Surveillance Capacity

- Bay area county mosquito control districts (N=4)
- Commercial city and township mosquito control programs
- Federally funded local health department surveillance in WNV high-incidence jurisdictions (N=5)
Local Health Department
Mosquito Surveillance

- CDC funded
- MDHHS provides training to LHDs in cooperation with MSU and MMCA
- Provide for timely, low-cost, non-labor intensive surveillance program to detect WNV activity at the community level
- Program to provide “actionable” information
- May provide training, expertise, and experience for future surveillance needs (emerging vector-borne diseases) and public health workforce
2018 Positive Mosquitoes

- 159 West Nile positive pools
- No other arboviruses identified in mosquito pools
- Most mosquito surveillance from Bay Area Mosquito Control Districts
- Michigan State University tests via PCR for EEE, LAC, SLE, and WNV
- Five local health jurisdictions test mosquito pools using VecTOR Test kits
Statewide Human & Mosquito EPI Curves

Mosquito MIR = #infected mosquitoes/1,000 mosquitoes
Arbovirus testing available at the MDHHS Bureau of Labs

Patients presenting with meningitis/encephalitis from May-Nov should be tested for all arboviruses potentially circulating in Michigan; WNV, SLE, EEE, California Group viruses (LaCrosse)

- Arbovirus serology (CSF is preferred specimen)
  - West Nile virus
  - Eastern Equine Encephalitis
  - St. Louis Encephalitis
  - LaCrosse Encephalitis

Travelers to endemic areas with clinically compatible illness:

- Arbovirus travel panel
  - Chikungunya
  - Dengue
  - Zika
Other arboviruses identified in Michigan: 2018*

Jamestown Canyon Virus

- Member of the California Group viruses
- Emerging arbovirus with focus in the Upper Midwest
- First human cases identified in Michigan in 2018
  - Two cases
  - Oakland and Menominee Counties

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Other arboviruses identified in Michigan: 2018*

Eastern Equine Encephalitis

- Periodic outbreaks in horses in MI
  - Generally SW Lower MI, however recently identified further north
  - Last large outbreak 2010

- Sporadic cases identified in white-tailed deer
  - Two identified in MI 2018
  - Cass County (1), Barry County (1)

- Sporadic human cases and during outbreak years
  - One case identified in MI 2018
  - Allegan County

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**Aedes albopictus in Michigan**

- On August 20, 2018 the Asian tiger mosquito was identified in Wayne County for the second year in a row
- Focal introduction/infestation near a tire business
- Wayne County health department, MDHHS, MSU, and the City of Romulus coordinated surveillance and response to the identification
- Mosquito control was initiated early September
- Increase in population until late October
Ticks and Tick-Borne Disease Surveillance in Michigan
Ticks are common in Michigan

* [*Dermacentor variabilis*](#)  
* (American dog tick or wood tick)  
* **Properties:**  
  - Found in wooded and brushy habitats  
  - Most common tick in Michigan  
  - Oval scutum with white markings, brown abdomen  
  - Adults commonly bite and are active from early-spring through the end of summer  
  - Vector: Rocky Mountain spotted fever

Images: Kent Loeffeler, Cornell University
Ticks are common in Michigan

*Ixodes scapularis* (blacklegged tick)
- Common in wooded and brushy habitats
- Smaller size than *D. variabilis*
- Rounded, black scutum, red or gray abdomen
- Adults and nymphs will readily bite people.
  - Adults: April – July, October – November
  - Nymphs: May – August
- Vector: Lyme disease, anaplasmosis, babesiosis, deer tick virus, *Ehrlichia muris*-like

Images: Kent Loeffeler, Cornell University
Blacklegged tick & *B. burgdorferi* biology

- Larva
- Nymph
- Adult Male
- Adult Female
Nymphal stage: the epidemiologically most important stage for humans!

Responsible for the majority of Lyme disease illness in the U.S. This is due to:

- Small size
- First infectious stage
- Active during peak outdoor recreation periods in the NE and Upper Midwest U.S.
Not all ticks are infected

• Only blacklegged ticks transmit Lyme disease
• Only two stages of blacklegged ticks transmit Lyme disease

![Tick images]

**Adult Female** 36-40% *B. burgdorferi* infection rate*

**Nymph** 9-15% *B. burgdorferi* infection rate*

*Endemic Locations
Hamer *et al.*, 2010; Foster, 2004.*
What are symptoms of Lyme disease?

- Fever
- Fatigue
- Muscle aches (myalgia)
- Joint aches (arthralgia)
- Headache
- Erythema migrans ("bull’s-eye") rash (3-30 days post-tick bite)
- Lameness/arthritis

If untreated: may manifest as disease of the nervous system, the musculoskeletal system, or the heart
Leading vector-borne disease, with increasing incidence over time...
... and over space

1999

2017

http://www.cdc.gov/lyme/stats/index.html
Brief History of Lyme Disease in Michigan

- Low-incidence, emerging Lyme disease state
- Michigan’s Upper & Lower Peninsulas differ in case incidence
  - UP >10/100,000
  - LP approx. 1/100,000
- Currently tracking the invasion of infected blacklegged ticks into new areas in the state
MDHHS Surveillance Efforts

PASSIVE

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- Routine
- Required by public health code
- Broad picture of tick activity
- May lack specificity due to difficulty determining exposure location
MDHHS Surveillance Efforts

- Targeted surveillance
- More specific geographic location of ticks & potential tick-borne disease risk
- Emerging tick and pathogen surveillance

ACTIVE
Follow-up investigations; One Health collaborations
  - Entomologic investigations
  - Follow-up investigations of unique cases or emerging pathogens
Michigan Lyme Disease Cases by Year: 2002-2017

2016 EPI SNAPSHOT
1,295 investigations

Cases (n=221)
Confirmed: 158
Probable: 63

Age
Range: 3-89 years
Median: 45 years

Race/Ethnicity
>85% Caucasian, Non-Hispanic

2017 EPI SNAPSHOT
1,777 investigations

Cases (n=291)
Confirmed: 197
Probable: 94
Suspect: 50

†Case definition change
Michigan Lyme Disease Cases by Year: 2002-2017

EPI PROJECTIONS
Based upon 2008-2017 averages

- 21% increase in case referrals/investigations per year
- 19% of case referrals meet case definition as confirmed, probable, or suspect case

2020:
Prediction 3,150 referrals and 600 Lyme disease cases

†Case definition change
Reported Lyme disease cases in Michigan: 2017 EPI Curve

Generalized blacklegged tick activity periods in Michigan
- Nymphs
- Adults

251/291 cases reporting onset date
Lyme disease testing available at the MDHHS Bureau of Labs

When to consider?

Nationally recognized two-step testing algorithm

- Step 1. Enzyme Immunoassay screen (EIA)
  - Highly sensitive test
  - *If Step 1 is equivocal or positive proceed to Step 2*

- Step 2. IgM and IgG Immunoblot (IB/Western Blot)
  - Highly specific test
  - 2+ of 3 bands positive for IgM positive
  - 5+ of 10 bands positive for IgG positive

Positive western blot Image: CDC
Passive Tick Surveillance: Public Tick Submission

From public, local health departments, human and animal healthcare providers
Passive Tick Surveillance: Public Tick Submission

Provides expert identification of tick species to guide:

- Healthcare decisions
- Future prevention and control efforts

Test live blacklegged ticks for *B. burgdorferi*
Passive Tick Surveillance: Public Tick Submission

Information posted to Michigan Disease Mapper online application
Active Tick Surveillance: Focused Tick Drags

**Primary Focus:**
Counties where the blacklegged tick and/or *B. burgdorferi* have not been identified

**Secondary Focus:**
Lyme disease endemic counties for multi-pathogen surveillance
Active Tick Surveillance: Focused Tick Drags

**Benefits:**
- Results can be verified
- Indicates high risk for human illness

**Drawbacks:**
- Personnel & time constraints
- Influenced by weather & location
Active Tick Surveillance: Focused Tick Drags

2018 Drag Field Sites

- Field surveillance coordinated with academic partners
- Locations directed by:
  - Public tick submissions
  - Veterinary submissions
  - Reported disease cases
- 2018 activities:
  - Over 220 total km sampled at 143 sites
  - 1,537 ticks collected April-November
  - Collaboration with CDC for emerging pathogen screening

Ixodes scapularis detected
Ixodes scapularis NOT detected
Updated!
*Mobile-friendly
*Great info. for the public

www.michigan.gov/emergingdiseases
More resources available online

www.michigan.gov/lyme

www.cdc.gov/lyme
**Hands on Training:** Local Health Department staff will gain hands-on experience in standard methods for field collection and identification of medically important ticks and mosquitoes.

**Vector Surveillance Program Essentials:** The workshop curriculum covers the essentials of maintaining a vector surveillance program, including methods for data collection, equipment and personnel considerations.

**Expert Instruction:** Workshop instructors include experts from public health, vector-control agencies, and academia that have extensive experience in the fields of tick and mosquito surveillance, identification, and control.

**Networking:** Participants will have multiple opportunities to engage with colleagues and counterparts from across Michigan, as well as interact with our team of vector-borne disease expert instructors.
Workshop Specifics

Designed for environmental health professionals working at Michigan Local Health Departments (two staff per health jurisdiction)

At the end of the training, attendees will:

- Understand vector-borne disease epidemiology in Michigan
- Be able to conduct sampling for medically important mosquitoes and ticks
- Be able to arrange for diagnostic testing of specimens from their jurisdiction
- Be able to consult with stakeholders regarding vector control

Cost: FREE – meals and lodging provided
Workshop FAQs

Who are the vector-borne surveillance workshops meant for?

Generally LHD Environmental Health staff, however if other LHD programs areas or partner agencies are interested in participating in vector surveillance, they may also attend.

What costs are supported for the vector-borne surveillance workshops?

The workshops are free. Participant lodging (up to two nights) and meals will be provided for the duration of the workshop. The MDHHS will not reimburse mileage.

What should I bring to the training?

Materials for taking notes. Attendees will also participate in a field exercise, appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear are recommended.
Workshop FAQs

What will we take with us from the workshop?

Participants will gain an understanding of vector-borne disease epidemiology in Michigan, methods for surveillance of medically important ticks and mosquitoes, the ability to identify mosquitoes and ticks, and a basic understanding of vector control.

Participants will also take home some surveillance equipment necessities, including:

- **BG2 mosquito trap lures**
- **Tick drags (two per jurisdiction)**
- **Collection equipment for tick surveillance**
- **Flash drive with resources such as mosquito and tick keys, data sheets and reporting information, sample collection protocols, and a media tool kit.**
If you find a tick...
Don’t get Ticked!
We can Help!

CITIZEN SUBMITTED TICK PROGRAM

• Identify the tick
• Test blacklegged ticks (if alive & off a human)

www.Michigan.gov/lyme

Got a Tick? Submit a Pic!
Identify the tick electronically

MDHHS-Bugs@Michigan.gov

FREE service available to MI residents!
Reporting Potential Rabies Exposures & Rabies Post Exposure Prophylaxis in Michigan

Changes to the Reportable Diseases List for 2019
Disease Background: Rabies

Rabies is caused by an RNA virus in the *Lyssavirus* genus. The virus is transmitted by a bite of an infected animal or infected saliva coming into contact with open wounds or mucous membranes.

All mammals are susceptible to rabies infection and is almost 100% fatal once symptoms begin.

In 2018, 79 animals were positive for rabies, including 77 bats and 2 skunks.

Annually, about 3,500 animals are submitted to the MDHHS Bureau of Laboratories (BOL) for rabies testing.
In 2018, The Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases (EZID) Section at MDHHS was exploring the idea of making rabies PEP a reportable condition statewide.

From **May 15-September 30**, we asked healthcare facilities within volunteering local health jurisdictions to report all doses of PEP to the local health department.

Participating health departments were provided guidelines for the project and a rabies PEP poster to distribute to their healthcare facilities.

MDHHS used the results of this project to make recommendations about statewide PEP.
Results: Rabies PEP Reporting Pilot

**Animal Species Indicated for RPEP Courses During the RPEP Reporting Pilot (n=201)**

- Bats: 79%
- Dogs: 7%
- Cats: 9%
- Raccoons: 2%
- Unknown: 2%
- Other: 1%

**Issues Detected with RPEP Initiations and Follow-up**

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Results: Rabies PEP Reporting Pilot

Select Question for the Post-Pilot Survey (n=6)

How strongly do you agree/disagree with this statement, “Rabies PEP should be reportable in Michigan.”

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How strongly do you agree/disagree with this statement, “Requiring healthcare facilities to report RPEP to the LHD was helpful and useful.”

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LHDs were also asked to report any challenges that they experienced during the pilot. Participating LHDs reported:

- Difficulties entering case information in a timely manner.
- Not all animal bites were being reported to the LHD.
- Healthcare providers need more education about RPEP.
Conclusions: Rabies PEP Reporting Pilot

- Mistakes in RPEP treatments were identified including:
  - Failure to administer HRIG when indicated.
  - Initiating treatment when the animal was available for testing or observation.
  - A RPEP dose in the wrong injection site.
  - Starting treatment without relevant rabies exposure (i.e. bitten by a rodent).

- Challenges existed with patient follow-up & ensuring that exposed individuals complete the series.

- LHDs experienced difficulties during the pilot due to challenges filing the reports in a timely manner along with lapses in communication between LHDs & healthcare facilities with receiving animal bite reports.

- 83% of piloting jurisdictions were supportive of making RPEP administration reportable

- Most RPEP treatments were initiated following an exposure to a bat emphasizing the continued need to enhance citizen awareness of bats and rabies risk.
As of 2019, RPEP administrations following potential rabies exposures are reportable statewide.
Modifications to the RD List:

Rabies: Potential Exposures

✓ “Animal Bites” has been omitted for the Michigan Reportable Diseases List.
✓ “Animal Bites” has been replaced with condition “Rabies: potential exposure and post exposure prophylaxis”.

This change was made to emphasize that bite & non-bite exposures (e.g., exposure to a bat without known bite) should be reported to the local health department (LHD).

MDSS Reporting
•Jurisdictions may utilize the “Rabies: Exposure and Post-Exposure Treatment Investigation” form found under Michigan disease condition “Rabies Potential Exposure and PEP”.

2019 REPORTABLE DISEASES IN MICHIGAN – BY CONDITION

Acute respiratory infection

2018 REPORTABLE DISEASES IN MICHIGAN – BY CONDITION

Rabies: Exposure and Post-Exposure Investigation

*The “Rabies: Exposure and Post-Exposure Treatment Investigation” form will be made available with the February 2019 release of MDSS.

†MDSS will also have disease condition “Rabies: Potential Exposure and PEP (Pre-2019),” which will enable users to search for cases prior to 2019. This condition should not be used to report new cases.
Modifications to the RD List:
Rabies Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (RPEP)

- Healthcare providers are now required to report to LHDs any initiation & subsequent doses of RPEP given to patients who were potentially exposed to rabies.

- Potential exposure to rabies may be through an animal bite or other type of exposure (i.e. deeply sleeping person wakes to a bat in the room).

- Initiating RPEP is a medical urgency, not an emergency. Find out if exposing animal might be available for observation or testing.

**MDSS Reporting**

- To report RPEP in MDSS, use the “Rabies: Exposure and Post-Exposure Treatment Investigation” form found under MDSS disease condition “Rabies Potential Exposure and PEP”†

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**Michigan Rabies Assessment: When A Person Has Been Exposed**

- Immediately consult with local or state public health officials

**Before You Administer Rabies PEP Ask/Know:**

- **If The Victim Was bitten/Exposed To A Wild Animal (Except Rodents)**
  - **What to Ask**
  - **Action to Take**
  - Is the animal available for rabies testing?
    - Yes: Wait to initiate PEP until test results are available
    - No: Initiate PEP

- **If The Victim Was bitten By A Dog, Cat, or Ferret:**
  - **What to Ask**
  - **Action to Take**
  - Is the animal available for a 10-day observation period?
    - Yes: Wait to initiate PEP for animal to complete 10-day observation period
    - No: Refer to the Michigan Rabies Assessment Flowchart

**Reporting and Questions About Unusual Circumstances**

- Report any animal bites or exposures where rabies is suspected to your local health department

- For questions about an animal exposure, please consult with your local health department at 517-335-8165

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To order these documents, please fill out a publication order form and fax or mail to the MDHHS CD Division.
## Disease Reporting: Potential Rabies Exposures & RPEP

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*MDSS also has a disease condition “Rabies: Potential Exposure and PEP (Pre-2019)” for any report prior to February 14, 2019. These reports utilized the “Animal Bite Case Investigation Report” form.*
Questions?

Feel free to contact us at:
517-335-8165