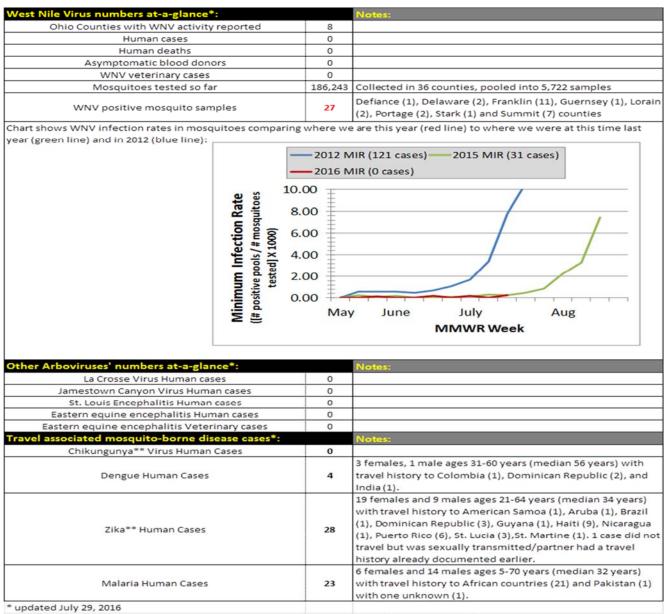
Ohio Arbovirus Surveillance Update

as of July 29, 2016

We are continuing to see an increase in WNV activity with 16 additional mosquito samples testing positive since the last update. This is not surprising given the time of year and recent high temperatures, which has been associated with increased rates of virus amplification in the past. Statewide mosquito infection rates remain relatively low, but may start to increase more rapidly at any time (see chart below). Below is the latest update on arbovirus activity in Ohio:



^{**}Ohioans traveling to areas where local transmission is occurring should be aware of this ongoing situation and make every effort to avoid mosquito bites. Additional information can be found from the CDC (www.cdc.gov/chikungunya, www.cdc.gov/zika/geo/index.html) and the Pan American Health Organization (www.paho.org/chikungunya, www.paho.org/zika).

Please continue your community and public education efforts focusing on personal protection and source reduction to include these points:

<u>Avoid mosquito bites</u>. It is import to prioritize personal protection to protect against mosquito bites.

- Wear EPA-registered mosquito repellents whenever mosquitoes are present and follow label instructions.
- Wear long, loose, light-colored clothing.
- o Install or repair screens on windows and doors to keep mosquitoes outside.

<u>Help reduce mosquito breeding around your home</u>. Get rid of potential mosquito breeding sites to help prevent mosquito-borne diseases.

- o Empty standing water from flowerpots, gutters, buckets, pool covers, pet water dishes, discarded tires, and birdbaths.
- Consider using products containing Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis (Bti), available at many garden and home improvement stores, to control mosquito larvae in containers that are too large to empty. Follow the label instructions.

Taking these steps will protect against mosquito-borne WNV, LAC and Zika virus.

For information on prevention messaging, surveillance or for up-to-date mosquito-borne disease information, please see the ZDP mosquito website (http://www.odh.ohio.gov/mosquitoes)