



# City of Oak Brook Terrace

## October 2023 - Status Report

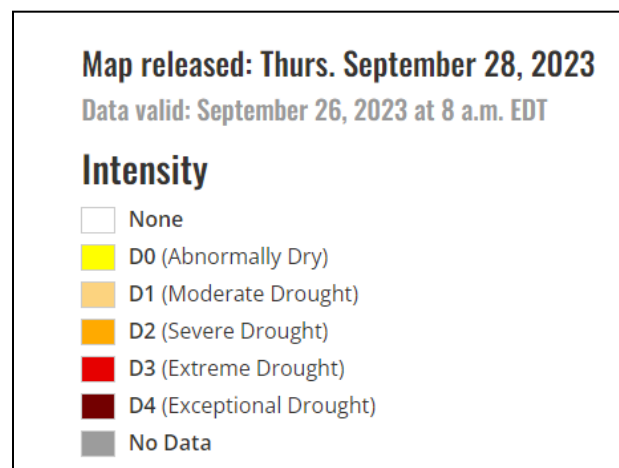
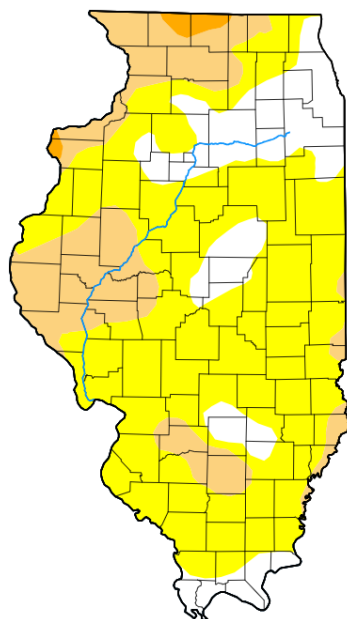
### SEASON PERSPECTIVE

Introduction. Weather conditions critically affect the seasonal mosquito population. Excessive rainfall periods trigger hatches of floodwater mosquitoes (*Aedes vexans*), the dominant annoyance species in northern Illinois that has a flight range of 15 to 20 miles. The other target species is the northern house mosquito (*Culex pipiens*), the primary vector of West Nile virus (WNV) that flourishes under stagnant water and drought conditions.

### West Nile Virus Surges Across Illinois in September

Significant rainfalls between mid-August and mid-September improved the soil moisture deficit across northern Illinois, as shown by the map below. Predominant dry conditions throughout the summer curtailed the impact of the 2023 floodwater mosquito population. **On the other hand, according to the Centers for Disease Control, as of October 4<sup>th</sup>, the stealth-like *Culex* mosquito surged causing ninety-four (94) human cases in Illinois.** For reference, 32 WNV human cases were diagnosed in Illinois in 2022.

### Illinois





Surveillance of the *Culex* mosquito population provides an early warning system of a WNV outbreak. As of October 4<sup>th</sup>, the following chart summarizes the number of WNV-positive *Culex* mosquito samples in northern Illinois confirming the late summer WNV activity surge:

County	No. of WNV-positive <i>Culex</i> Samples
Boone	10
Cook	2,575
DuPage	165
Kane	29
Lake	172
McHenry	56
Will	64

The total number of WNV-positive samples was 3,343 across 64 Illinois counties with 77% collected in Cook County.

**Operations Plan.**

**Late July through September is the critical time to protect the public health from WNV.** Due to the dry weather pattern, Clarke operations focused on floodwater on *Culex* habitats, including the completion of catch basin applications and monitoring of wastewater treatment plants, and stagnant water areas. **Truck ULV adulticide applications were recommended, as warranted by surveillance data, to proactively suppress the potential of WNV transmission to the human population.** There will be a risk of disease transmission until the first killer frost, usually by mid-October.

**Floodwater Mosquito Brood Prediction**

The floodwater mosquito (*Aedes vexans*) is the key nuisance species in the Chicagoland area. Floodwater mosquito population hatches, or broods, are triggered by significant rainfall events. The Clarke Brood Prediction Model calculates peak annoyance periods based on rainfall and temperature data collected from weather stations in your area.

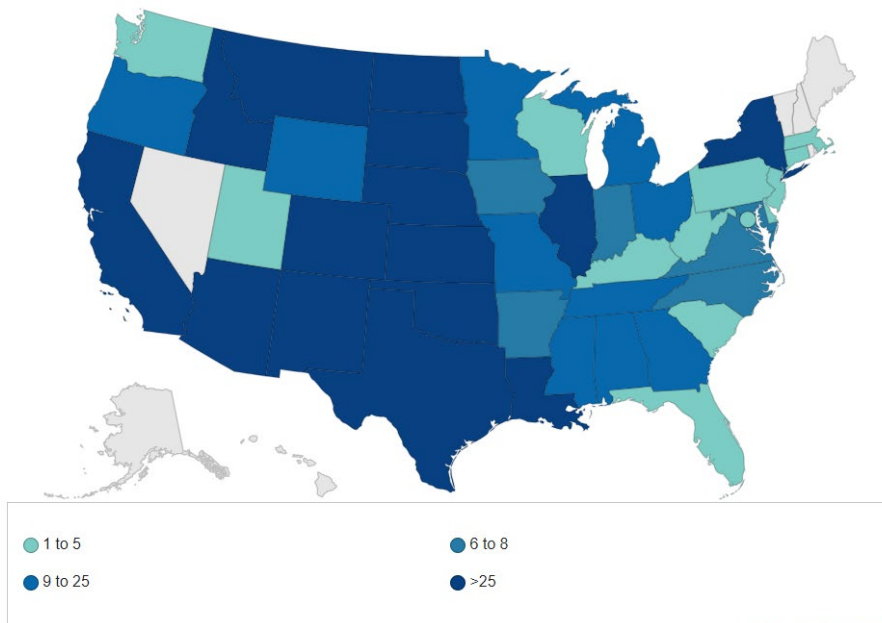
Weather Station Name	Rain Date	Rain Amount	Brood Prediction Date
DuPage Co	09/16/2023	0.57	10/07/2023
DuPage Co	09/19/2023	0.40	10/07/2023



## MOSQUITO-BORNE DISEASE UPDATE

### West Nile Virus (WNV)

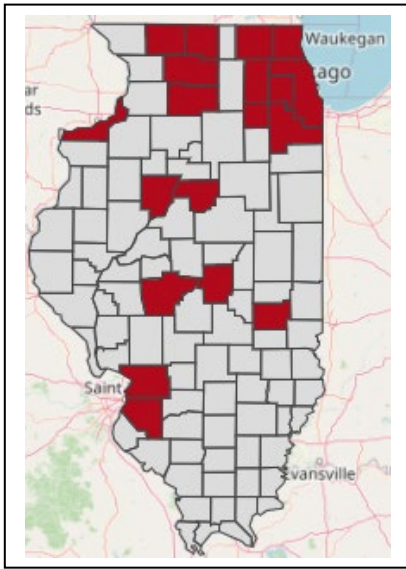
**2023 – USA.** As of October 4<sup>th</sup>, 1,645 USA human WNV cases have been reported to the CDC in the following 44 states as shown on the following map:



Colorado has the most diagnosed cases of 542. In 2022, a total of 1,035 WNV human cases were diagnosed in the USA.



**2023 – Illinois.** To date, the Illinois Department of Public Health has reported 3,343 WNV-positive mosquito samples tested from 64 counties. Forty-five (45) birds have tested positive for WNV this year. Ninety-four (94) WNV human cases including 5 fatalities have been officially reported in Illinois as of October 4<sup>th</sup>.



2023 ILLINOIS WNV HUMAN CASES	
Coles	1
Cook	59
DuPage	12
Kane	3
Kendall	1
Lake	1
Lee	1
Macon	1
Madison	2
McHenry	1
Ogle	1
Peoria	1
Rock Island	1
Sangamon	1
St. Clair	1
Stephenson	1
Will	3
Winnebago	2
Woodford	1
<b>TOTAL (as of 10/04/23)</b>	<b>94</b>

In 2022, thirty-two (32) WNV human cases were diagnosed in the State of Illinois.

2023		
DUPAGE COUNTY WEST NILE VIRUS SURVEILLANCE DATA 2023	YTD 2023	WEEK: 39 9/24-30
Mosquitoes Tested	28,258	245
WNV Total Tests	868	16
WNV Positive Tests	171	5
Positive Mosquito Pool Rate %	20%	31%
Reported Human Cases onset	12	--
Communities with Human WNV Cases	Addison, Bartlett, Burr Ridge, Darien, Downers Grove, Glen Ellyn, Hanover Park, Naperville, West Chicago, Willowbrook, Woodridge	--
Personal Protection Index	Risk Level >>>	3

**FIGHT THE SITE**

TODAY'S PERSONAL PROTECTION INDEX: **3** HIGH

Risk Level Recommendations:

- 0: NONE
- 1: LOW  
Drain items that collect standing water around home or business. Defend by using insect repellent containing DEET.
- 2: MODERATE  
Drain; Defend; Wear repellent outdoors during Dusk to Dawn.
- 3: HIGH  
Drain; Defend; Dusk to Dawn; Dress for the outdoors with long sleeves and pants.

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**OPERATIONS UPDATE**

**Final Services Performed – September 2023**

Service Item	Completion Date(s)
Natular G 5#/Acre Hand	09/11/2023
Targeted Site Larval Insp Serv	09/11/2023
Merus Truck ULV	09/11/2023