



STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES

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Dear Hospital Laboratory Director,

As mosquito-borne encephalitis season approaches, we would like to remind you of laboratory services available to you **free-of-charge** at the Office of Laboratory Services.

Serum or CSF can be submitted for mosquito-borne disease testing. All samples will be tested for mosquito-borne diseases relevant to West Virginia. This includes the following four arboviruses:

- Eastern equine encephalitis
- La Crosse encephalitis
- Saint Louis encephalitis
- West Nile virus

As a reminder, any specimen that tests arbovirus-positive in your laboratory must be submitted to the Office of Laboratory Services for follow-up testing, as required by 64CSR7. Each year a subset of specimens received at the Office of Laboratory Services is forwarded to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for confirmatory testing.

Patient specimen collection instructions and the submission form can be downloaded from: <http://www.wvdhhr.org/labservices/labs/virology/arbovirus.cfm>. When submitting specimens to OLS, please ensure that submission forms are completely filled out.

We thank you for your time and attention and look forward to working with you this season and many more to come. Please feel free to contact the Office of Laboratory Services at (304) 558-3530 extension 2403 with any questions, concerns or supply needs.

Sincerely,

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