

Halifax, MA has had a positive WNV mosquito sample within a trap. MDPH will continue enhanced surveillance activities in this region.

County	City	Date Collected	Species	Quadrant	Agents
Plymouth	Halifax	8/07/2023	Culiseta Melanura	North East	WNV

Attached is a sample press release to utilize if you wish, as well as the weekly surveillance report to pull numbers for the press release.

Also, here is a link to the risk maps and other resources you may find helpful:
<https://www.mass.gov/lists/arbovirus-information-for-local-boards-of-health>

Prevention Tips:

There are simple steps that you can take to protect yourself and your family from mosquito bites, and the illnesses they can cause.

Protect yourself from illness by doing simple things:

- Use insect repellents any time you are outdoors
- Wear long-sleeved clothing
- Schedule outdoor activities to avoid the hours from dusk to dawn during peak mosquito season
- Repair damaged window and door screens
- Remove standing water from the areas around your home

Mosquito-Borne Disease Prevention: (*Mass.gov*)

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/mosquito-borne-disease-prevention>

Protect Yourself and Your Family from Mosquito Bites: (*CDC*)

<https://www.cdc.gov/mosquitoes/mosquito-bites/prevent-mosquito-bites.html>