

# *West Nile Virus*

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In previous years there has been a program to collect dead birds for testing for West Nile Virus. But it has now been determined that the virus is present Statewide in the bird population and further testing is not warranted. Due to less funding being available, the program has been scaled back.

The State will no longer collect dead birds for testing. Some collection of mosquitoes in traps and the monitoring of some sentinel flocks of chickens will be conducted. Also, the State Dept. of Public Health is no longer collecting dead bird reports.

Persons who may have contracted West Nile Virus will still be offered diagnostic testing through the University Hygienic Laboratory.

Below is a listing of websites that may be of interest regarding West Nile Virus.

Questions on human cases and prevention: [www.idph.state.ia.us/adper/wnv\\_surveillance.asp](http://www.idph.state.ia.us/adper/wnv_surveillance.asp)

Questions about the sentinel chicken flocks and mosquito traps: [www.ent.iastate.edu/medent/](http://www.ent.iastate.edu/medent/)

Questions regarding human testing: [www.uhl.uiowa.edu/services/diseases/mosquitoborne/wnv/](http://www.uhl.uiowa.edu/services/diseases/mosquitoborne/wnv/)