

Health Protection and Promotion Act
Loi sur la protection et la promotion de la santé
ONTARIO REGULATION 199/03
Amended to O. Reg. 231/03
CONTROL OF WEST NILE VIRUS
This Regulation is made in English only.

Determination if action required

1. A medical officer of health shall make a determination whether action is required by a municipality to decrease the risk of West Nile Virus to persons either inside or outside the health unit served by the medical officer of health, based upon a local risk assessment in accordance with the document entitled *West Nile Virus Preparedness and Prevention Plan for Ontario*, published by and available from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, and as revised on May 27, 2003. O. Reg. 231/03, s. 1.

Notice to municipality

2. (1) Where the medical officer of health has determined that action is required, he or she may give notice to the municipality of the required action. O. Reg. 199/03, s. 2 (1).

(2) In determining required actions under subsection (1), the medical officer of health shall have regard to,

(a) the document mentioned in section 1; and

(b) the generally accepted practices in the field of public health with regard to decreasing the risk of West Nile virus to persons. O. Reg. 199/03, s. 2 (2).

Must comply

3. A municipality shall comply with any requirements set out in the notice. O. Reg. 199/03, s. 3.

What may be required

4. Action required under this Regulation may include, without being limited to,

(a) requirements respecting source reduction measures;

(b) requirements respecting surveillance;

(c) requirements respecting public awareness campaigns about personal protection;

(d) requirements respecting the control measures for larviciding and adulticiding set out in Table 1; and

(e) requirements respecting the time within which the action shall be taken. O. Reg. 199/03, s. 4.

TABLE 1
LARVICIDING AND ADULTICIDING IN ONTARIO
WEST NILE VIRUS RESPONSE

"Triggers" based on surveillance of WNV positive humans, birds, mosquito pools or mammals (horses)

Current-Year WNV findings in Health Unit or municipality	Last Year's WNV findings in Health Unit or municipality	Preparatory Status (Larval surveys, mosquito trapping, mapping, training, etc.)	Larviciding ACTION	Adulticiding ACTION
No West Nile virus found yet	No West Nile virus found; virus found in adjacent Health Unit(s)	Not yet done	Do the preparatory work, then larvicide where indicated	Not indicated
No virus found yet	Virus found	Not yet done	Do the preparatory work, then larvicide where indicated	Not indicated
No virus found yet	Virus found	Done last year and under way this year	Larvicide where indicated	Not indicated
Virus found in <u>non</u> -human (dead bird, mosquito pool or mammal) - isolated or as a "hot spot"	Virus found or not found	Done or under way this year	If a "hot spot" and larvae are present, larvicide around this "hot spot" (if not too late in the season)	Adulticide a 3-km "Zone" ONLY IF there are high-risk indicators of transmission to humans*
<u>Human</u> case(s) - one or a few in a space-time "cluster"	Virus found or not found	Done or under way this year	Larvicide around the case or cluster if larvae are present (and if not too late in season)	Adulticide a 3-km radius Zone around the case or cluster
Human cases continue to occur; continued high-risk indicators*	Virus found or not found	Done or under way this year	Larvicide widely where larvae are found (if not too late in season)	Adulticide 3-km Zones - may be contiguous or overlapping

Note: Public education efforts and non-pesticide means of mosquito source reduction should be in place, and increased as increasing evidence of virus is found (especially human cases) in the current year.

* High-risk indicators of transmission to humans: increasing dead bird sightings; high mosquito infection rates; abundant bridge vector populations; increasing mammal (horse) cases; proximity of mosquito breeding sites to human populations (especially large population centres) and weather conditions that favour mosquito breeding.

1. These are minimum activity standards. Medical Officers of Health may increase the Zone size to be treated or take additional mosquito control actions, if justified by scientific data or recommendations.

2. Medical Officer of Health will maintain a means to record, investigate, and report any confirmed or likely adverse or unintended human health effects attributed to mosquito control actions, and will report any non-human environmental adverse effects that he or she knows about to the Ministry of the Environment and/or other relevant local or provincial authorities.

O. Reg. 199/03, Table 1.