

FROM: Louisiana Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (LADDL)
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TO: Veterinarians in Louisiana

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RE: West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis Virus IgM
Antibody Testing in Equine

Dear Clients,

The Louisiana Arboviral State Working Group has decided that equine antibody testing for West Nile virus (WNV) and Eastern equine encephalitis virus (EEEV) will be a component in the 2008-2009 Louisiana Arboviral Surveillance Program. This means that the Equine IgM ELISA for WNV and EEE will be performed by the Louisiana Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (LADDL) at no charge to the client. Serum samples should be sent to the lab with a LADDL submission form requesting WNV and EEE IgM ELISA. There will be no fee assessed for these tests. This program is designed to test only animals showing clinical signs related to WNV and or EEE.

Western or Venezuelan encephalitis antibody tests and necropsy request for confirmation of encephalitis are not included in this program. These requests can be performed by the laboratory however, clients will be assessed the current laboratory fees for these test.

Laboratory results will be reported to the client and to the State Veterinarian if necessary.

If there is any question concerning this program, please contact the laboratory at 225-578-9777.