

# New World Screwworm (NWS) For Local Health Departments

**Purpose:** The purpose of this document is to provide guidance to local public health about NWS.

1. Educate the community and healthcare providers about NWS, including the importance of removing and killing the larvae and eggs from a suspect NWS case.
2. Review the NWS in Human: Reporting, Investigation, and Response. ([hyperlink](#)).
3. Coordinate laboratory testing of suspected case-patients. Specimens will need to be sent to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Diagnostic Parasitology Laboratory at [dpdx@cdc.gov](mailto:dpdx@cdc.gov).
4. Complete the [NWS Case Report Form](#) and fax to the West Virginia State Public Health Entomologist at (304) 558-8736.
5. Report all suspected NWS cases in animals and pets to the [West Virginia Department of Agriculture](#) and the [United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service](#).
6. Direct clinical questions to CDC's Parasitic Disease Branch at (404) 718-4745 or [parasites@cdc.gov](mailto:parasites@cdc.gov) during business hours or CDC's Emergency Operations Center (770) 488-7100 after regular hours.
7. Non-clinical questions should be directed to [newworldscrewworm@cdc.gov](mailto:newworldscrewworm@cdc.gov).

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