



## POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL CENTRAL VALLEY HEALTH DISTRICT

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### SECTION: ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

#### POLICY #: 502 WEST NILE VIRUS SURVEILLANCE

**POLICY:** As part of the West Nile encephalitis surveillance, it may be necessary to collect dead birds for testing purposes.

#### **PROCEDURE:**

1. Upon notification of a sick/dead bird consult the North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) Bird Testing Criteria Page <http://www.ndhealth.gov/WNV/Bird/Testing.htm>.
2. Fill out the NDDoH Dead Bird Report Form <http://www.ndhealth.gov/WNV/Bird/ReportForm.aspx>.
3. If the bird is of a species being collected for testing refer to the NDDoH Handling Instructions <http://www.ndhealth.gov/WNV/Bird/Handling.htm> as well as the NDDoH Shipping Instructions <http://www.ndhealth.gov/WNV/Bird/Shipping.htm>.
4. Call the North Dakota Department of Health at 1-800-472-2180 for questions or additional information.