# Ross River virus and Barmah Forest virus disease questionnaire

#### **Background**

All cases of mosquito-borne diseases that meet case definition criteria should be notified to the relevant Public Health Unit or Communicable Diseases Control Directorate of the WA Department of Health by the patient's medical practitioner.

Ross River virus (RRV) and Barmah Forest virus (BFV) occur throughout the State. RRV is WA's most common mosquito-borne disease.

Infections with RRV or BFV can result in a range of symptoms that may last for weeks or even months. As there is currently no vaccine or cure for any of these diseases, the only way to prevent illness is to reduce the potential for interaction between mosquitoes and people.

This questionnaire is designed to assist in identifying the most likely time/place of exposure to RRV and BFV only. The Environmental Health Directorate, WA Department of Health, uses this information to define high risk regions and direct mosquito management priorities throughout WA. Notification form and follow-up questionnaires for other mosquito-borne viruses found in WA can be found in Notification of infectious diseases and related conditions.

#### Confidentiality

Information collected from this questionnaire will remain completely confidential. It will be used solely for the purpose of guiding the WA Department of Health to prevent the spread of mosquito-borne diseases. No information that identifies individuals will be made available outside the WA Department of Health.

#### **Return completed forms**

This questionnaire can be completed directly by the patient, or during interview by Public Health Unit or local government Environmental Health staff. Please return the completed questionnaire by scanning or taking a clear high-resolution photo of the questionnaire and emailing to DOH.HumanMBDData@health.wa.gov.au

#### **Further information**

Please contact the Medical Entomology team by email <a href="DOH.HumanMBDData@health.wa.gov.au">DOH.HumanMBDData@health.wa.gov.au</a> or phone (08) 9285 5500 if you have any queries. Further information can also be found in mosquitoes.



#### Legend:

CDCD: Communicable Disease Control Directorate
LG EHO: Local government environmental health officer

**ME**: Medical Entomology **PHU**: Public Health Unit

#### Patient sick with suspected RRV and/or BFV disease

Patient visits Medical Practitioner

Patient referred to laboratory for serology testing

RRV and/or BFV disease confirmed

No mosquito-borne disease detected

No notification – no follow-up required

#### Ross River virus and/or Barmah Forest virus disease notification

(Mandatory notification by laboratory and/or diagnosing medical practitioner)

# Metropolitan case

Laboratory notification and/or infectious disease notification form by diagnosing medical practitioner sent to CDCD

Notification entered into WANIDD by CDCD and PHU completes mandatory data fields

Notification received by **ME** 

**ME** sends laboratory and doctor-notified cases to **LG EHO** to complete follow-up questionnaire

**LG EHO** contacts patient and conducts follow up

**LG EHO** sends completed follow-up questionnaire to **ME** by email

#### **Regional case**

Laboratory notification and/or infectious disease notification form by diagnosing medical practitioner sent to PHU. Notification and data entered into WANIDD by **PHU** 

#### **PHU regularly updates LG EHOs**

in regards to notification in LG areas and clusters of disease and decides one of the options below

OR

**PHU** sends laboratory and doctor-notified cases to **LG EHO** to complete follow-up questionnaire

**LG EHO** contacts patient to complete follow-up

**LG EHO** provides **PHU and ME** follow-up information by email

**PHU** to complete follow-up questionnaire for laboratory and doctor-notified cases

**PHU** contacts patient to complete follow-up

PHU provides LG EHO and ME follow-up information by email



#### Mosquito-borne Disease Case Follow-up Questionnaire

Section 1 Patient Details	Today's Date: / /						
Name:	Notification ID: WA-						
Sex at birth (tick box): M F Date of birth:	/ / / YYYY - 1234567						
Home street address (not PO Box):							
Town/Suburb: Sta	ate: Postcode:						
Please indicate who completed this form (tick box and provide the individual's full name, where required)							
Person with the illness (as above)							
EHO (Name and Local Govt):							
Medical practitioner or other (Name and position/relation to patient)							
The following questions relate to the patient							
1) Which disease/s have you been diagnosed with (tick more than one box if you were diagnosed with more than one virus)							
Ross River virus (RRV) Barmah Forest virus (BFV)							
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2) What is your occupation?  3) Does your job (or usual daily routine) require you to work mostly  Indoors  Outdoors  Both							
4) Does your job (or usual daily routine) involve travel to regional We							
5) Have you noticed mosquitoes at <b>Home:</b> Yes	No <b>Work</b> : Yes No						
The following questions relate to the patient's symptoms and possible exposure							
Common symptoms of mosquito-borne disease include any of these symptoms: (tick all that apply): painful/swollen joints sore muscles aching tendons skin rashes fever tiredness headaches swollen lymph nodes. Less common symptoms may include sore eyes sore throat nausea tingling in the palms of the hands or soles of the feet. If you have other symptoms, please specify:							
6) What was the approximate date you <u>first noticed symptoms</u> ? (Note: This may be days/months before visiting a medical practitioner or receiving a diagnosis. If you do not know the exact date, please provide an approximate timing.							
Day / Month / Year OR	early/mid/late Month / Year						
7) Symptoms of RRV and BFV disease first appear between <b>3 days and 3 weeks</b> after being bitten by an infected mosquito. Knowing where you have been during this time can help determine the most likely place where you were infected. ( <i>referring to travel logs, diaries, time stamps on digital photos, friends, relatives may be helpful</i> ). Please indicate <b>all</b> suburbs/towns you visited in the <b>3 weeks before symptoms</b> began (eg. Albany, Broome, Joondalup) and whether you reside, work or visited there. <i>Note: More specific details about these locations are requested on the next page</i> .  Suburb/Town Reside Work Visit Suburb/Town Reside Work Visit							
1) 4)							
2) 5)							
3)							



Visiting a beach/wetland/river/lake

Other (specify):

# The following section relates to the most likely place the patient was exposed to mosquitoes in the <u>3 weeks before symptoms</u> began

- Please indicate the most likely place where you were bitten by mosquitoes in Section 2 (below);
- If there was more than one place, use **Section 3** (next page) to indicate another place of exposure to mosquitoes;
- Complete Part A if you know the street address of the location where you were most likely bitten by mosquitoes (e.g. Lot 47 Thompson Road, Baldivis); OR
- Complete Part B to describe the location if you do not know the street address (e.g. southern side of Thompson Lake in Thompson Park, near Johnson Street, Carnarvon WA);
- It is important that you provide as much detail as possible. We need to identify the location to a street or lot number or a particular part of a recreational area.

Section 2	Most likely place of exposure						
(Please answer Part A OR Part B and questions 9 - 14)							
PART A: K	nown street address						
House/Lot No	o: Street Name:						
Surburb:		State:	F	ostcode:			
PART B: G	eographical Location						
Location Des	cription:						
Nearest Sub	urb/Town:	State:	F	Postcode:			
Nearest Landmark/Street intersection/Other detail (To help pinpoint the exposure location):							
9) Please indicate approximate date/s you were at the above location in the 3 weeks before you became ill (eg. 1st week of January, 6 - 10th April)							
10) Was the majority of your time spent at the above location:		Indoors	Outdoors	Both			
11) Did you notice mosquitoes at the above location?		Yes	No				
12) Do you	remember being bitten by mosquitoes at th	e above location?	Yes	No			
	ou participating in any of the following ional activities at this location?	14) Which personal protection measures did you use whilst at this location?					
	nning/camping	Application of a chemical-based repellent					
Garden	ing	Application of a natural-based repellent					
Fishing Underta	iking a physical activity/sport	Wore protective, long-sleeved clothing Used mosquito nets (ie. face, swag, bed net etc)					
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Other (specify):

Ensured windows/doors are adequately screened

# Section 3 Second most likely place of exposure (Please answer Part A OR Part B and questions 15 - 20) PART A: Known street address House/Lot No: Street Name: Surburb: State: Postcode: PART B: Geographical Location Location Description: Nearest Suburb/Town: State: Postcode: Nearest Landmark/Street intersection/Other detail (To help pinpoint the exposure location):

15) Please indicate approximate date/s you were at the above location in the 3 weeks before you became ill (eg. 1st week of January, 6 - 10th April)

16) Was the majority of your time spent at the above location: Indoors Outdoors Both

17) Did you notice mosquitoes at the above location?

Yes

No

18) Do you remember being bitten by mosquitoes at the above location?

Yes

No

### 19) Were you participating in any of the following recreational activities at this location?

Caravaning/camping
Gardening
Fishing
Undertaking a physical activity/sport
Visiting a beach/wetland/river/lake

## 20) Which personal protection measures did you use whilst at this location?

Application of a chemical-based repellent
Application of a natural-based repellent
Wore protective, long-sleeved clothing
Used mosquito nets (ie. face, swag, bed net etc)
Ensured windows/doors are adequately screened
Other (specify):

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#### Other information

Other (specify):

Please use the following space to add any further details that may help us define the location where you may have been infected or as extra space to expand on previous answers

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