

Reporting Suspected Chikungunya Cases to USVI Department of Health

If you see a patient with the following symptoms, please report it to the USVI DOH:

- Acute onset of fever $>38^{\circ}\text{C}$ or $>101^{\circ}\text{F}$
AND
- Severe arthralgia or arthritis not explained by another medical condition

How to report suspected chikungunya cases to the USVI DOH:

- 1) Fill out the “USVI Dengue and Chikungunya Report Form.” The yellow highlighted fields are mandatory, but please do your best to fill out all fields. Please check if this is a suspected chikungunya case in the upper right.
- 2) Make THREE copies of the filled-out “USVI Dengue and Chikungunya Report Form.”
- 3) Send the FIRST copy of the form to Dr. Esther Ellis at the USVI DOH by mail or fax:

Dr. Esther Ellis, USVI Territorial Epidemiologist
USVI Department of Health
Charles Harwood Complex
3500 Estate Richmond
Christiansted, St. Croix, USVI 00820-4370
Fax: 340-718-1508
Email: esthermarie.ellis@gmail.com

How to request FREE chikungunya testing through the USVI DOH:

- 1) Report the suspected case to Dr. Esther Ellis as above. This is required for testing.
- 2) Send the SECOND copy of the form with a refrigerated SERUM sample (at 4°C) shipped on cold packs directly to the CDC Dengue Branch in Puerto Rico:
CDC Dengue Branch, c/o Elba Caraballo
1324 Calle Canada
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00920
Re: USVI Chikungunya Testing Request
- 3) Please use FedEx account name (Public Health Preparedness) and account number (328404184) for overnight shipping. We may switch to DHL in the future.

Place the THIRD copy of the form into the suspected case’s chart. For any questions regarding reporting or testing for chikungunya, please call the USVI DOH at 340-773-1311 and ask to speak to Dr. Esther Ellis (x3241) or Ms. Elizabeth Watley (x3237). Thank you for your cooperation!

Sincerely,
Dr. Esther Ellis, PhD
USVI Territorial Epidemiologist