

TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Health

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## SUMMARY INFORMATION REPORT FOR APRIL 2014

### **Recommendation**

*It is recommended that Report No 028-14 Information Summary Report for April and the attached appendices be received for information.*

### **Key Points**

- The Vector Borne Disease Team has completed the 2013 Annual report for the Vector Borne Disease Program.
- The Canada Food Inspection Agency is no longer involved in rabies related activities except laboratory testing. Health Unit processes will adapt to accommodate this change within resources.

### **Background**

This report provides a summary of information from a number of Health Unit programs. Appendices provide further details, and additional information is available on request.

### **Vector Borne Disease Program**

The Vector Borne Disease (VBD) Team has completed the 2013 Annual report for the Vector Borne Disease Program. The report, attached as [Appendix A](#), describes in detail the activities of the VBD team within the various components of that program which is aimed at the surveillance and control of West Nile Virus, Lyme Disease, and Eastern Equine Encephalitis in Middlesex-London.

### **Federal Rabies Program Changes**

As of April 1, 2014, the Canada Food Inspection Agency is no longer involved in rabies related activities except laboratory testing. Health units are now responsible for ensuring animal specimen collection and the submission of the specimens to Health Canada laboratories for rabies analysis. Further details are provided in [Appendix B](#).



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