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## Centerville to participate in spraying park for mosquitoes

Public Health-Dayton & Montgomery County has confirmed 16 positive tests of mosquitoes carrying the West Nile Virus in Montgomery County, including Centerville.

According to Centerville City Manager Wayne Davis, Public Health-Dayton & Montgomery County found an infected mosquito near Iron Horse Park on Millshire Drive. As an immediate response, Davis said the City is contracting with Public Health to spray that area, to kill the mosquitoes. The area affected is bounded by Marshall Road on the west, East Whipp Road on the north, Kentshire on the east and I-675 to the south.

Public Health will conduct Ultra Low Volume truck-mounted mosquito spraying on Tuesday evening, August 21, between dusk and midnight, weather permitting. According to Public Health, the pesticide product has been evaluated and approved by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency for this use and found not to endanger human health, animals or the environment when applied as directed on the product label.

People and pets can be outdoors during the spraying. There are no re-entry restrictions or limitations and it is not necessary to close windows or take any precautions with air conditioning units. If you choose to stay indoors, the spray fog will dissipate within 5 to 30 minutes, depending on weather conditions.

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Spraying will help control the size of the mosquito population and minimize the risk of mosquito-borne disease in the area. However, it will not kill all the mosquitoes in the area, and therefore it is important for residents to take steps to eliminate all standing water on their properties to prevent future mosquito breeding.

Public Health is providing educational material to the neighborhood regarding mosquito protection and control. The City will continue to keep all residents updated on future mosquito trapping results and potential future mosquito control efforts.

Take proper precaution to eliminate mosquitoes. Public Health-Dayton & Montgomery County offers these suggestions:

- Mosquitoes need quiet water to lay eggs and for the eggs to develop into adult mosquitoes. Therefore no water—no mosquitoes.
- Eliminate stagnant water in rain gutters, buckets, old tires and other water-holding containers.
- Keep your trash cans covered at all times.
- Change water at least weekly in birdbaths, wading pools and plant pots.
- Fill in or drain low spots, tree holes and hollow stumps in your yard.
- Repair leaky pipes and outdoor faucets.
- Keep your lawn and shrubbery trimmed.
- Keep ditches, drains and culverts clear and free-flowing.
- Do not overwater your lawn or garden.

Ways you can protect yourself:

- Avoid exposure to mosquitoes. Stay inside at dusk and dawn, when they are most active.
- Wear light-colored clothing with long sleeves and long pants.
- Avoid physical exertion, especially when mosquitoes are most active.
- Use colognes and perfumes sparingly.
- Use mosquito repellents. Read the label and use sparingly in the weakest formulation that does the job, particularly on children.

A mosquito “bite” can transmit the West Nile Virus, LaCrosse Encephalitis, St. Louis Encephalitis and other viral illnesses to humans. In 2018, the State of Ohio is seeing an increase in the number of mosquitos infected with the West Nile Virus. Eighty percent of people who contract West Nile Virus will see little or no symptoms. However, a small percentage of those infected see serious health effects including possible death.

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Those most at risk are people with weakened immune systems and the elderly. Additional information is available from Public Health-Dayton & Montgomery County, 225-4362, [www.phdmc.org](http://www.phdmc.org), or the City of Centerville, 433-7151.

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