



# Hancock Public Health

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## PRESS RELEASE

**DATE:** July 25, 2017  
**TO:** Media Outlets  
**RE:** Mosquito Spraying and Personal Protection from Mosquito Bites

Hancock Public Health will begin spraying for mosquitoes the weeks of July 24<sup>th</sup> and July 31<sup>st</sup> in response to the recent flooding and reports of high numbers of mosquitoes. HPH has been conducting surveillance of mosquitoes through trapping and submission to the Ohio Department of Health for disease testing. To date all mosquitoes submitted from Hancock County have been negative for West Nile Virus.

The application of the mosquito spray will be focused in those areas of the county with traditionally high mosquito populations. However, due to the unusually high amount of precipitation and presence of standing water in certain parts of the of the county, Hancock Public Health is asking community members to do the following to protect themselves:

- Remove standing water and water-holding containers from around your home and property
- Limit outside activities during dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active
- If outside when mosquitoes are active, use an insect repellent containing DEET
- Wear loose, light-colored clothing while outside

Additionally, if you have areas on your property where standing water is an issue, you may come to the Hancock Public Health offices, 7748 County Rd. 140, Findlay to receive FREE mosquito control kit to treat standing water around homes. These areas include standing water in rain barrels, bird baths, unused tires, gutters, and boat or pool covers.

You may also request to be on the “No Spray” list by calling (419) 424-7869 and speaking with one of our Environmental Health team members. More information about keeping yourself safe from mosquito bites can be found at [www.hancockpublichealth.com](http://www.hancockpublichealth.com) or on our Facebook page.

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