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PRESS RELEASE

DATE: July 2, 2018
TO: Media Outlets
RE: 1st West Nile Virus Positive Mosquito Pool Reported in Hancock County

Hancock Public Health received notification from the Ohio Department of Health that a mosquito pool in Hancock County has tested positive for West Nile Virus. The mosquito pool was collected in the Van Buren State Park. Hancock Public Health has contacted officials at the park and provided them with mosquito protection information. Hancock Public Health is also advising those people who ride horses on the trails of the park to ensure that those animals have been vaccinated against West Nile Virus.

Hancock Public Health conducts routine surveillance of mosquitoes in the county through trapping and submission to the Ohio Department of Health for West Nile testing. There have been no reported human cases of West Nile Virus in Ohio this year.

Hancock Public Health reminds community members to do the following to protect themselves from mosquito bites:

- 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.

More information about keeping yourself safe from mosquito bites can be found at www.hancockpublichealth.com or on our Facebook page.

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