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PRESS RELEASE

DATE: August 1, 2019
TO: Media Outlets
RE: 1st West Nile Virus Positive Mosquito Pools Reported in Hancock County

Hancock Public Health received notification from the Ohio Department of Health of two mosquito pools that tested positive for West Nile Virus. The mosquito pools were collected in the Swale Park area in Findlay on 7/25/2019, as part of a county-wide mosquito surveillance program implemented by Hancock Public Health from May to September.

Hancock Public Health has contacted officials at the City of Findlay and provided the Parks & Recreation department with mosquito protection information. In the coming days, Hancock Public Health will be stepping up their efforts to control adult mosquitoes in targeted locations.

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 Hancock County this year.

Hancock Public Health is urging citizens to protect themselves from mosquito bites and to:

- 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
- Use an insect repellent containing DEET if outside when mosquitoes are active
- Wear loose, light-colored clothing while outside

Please consider contacting your healthcare provider if you experience any of the following symptoms 2 to 14 days after being bitten by a mosquito:

- Fever
- Headache
- Body aches
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Swollen lymph glands
- Rash on chest, stomach, or back

Additionally, if you have areas on your property where standing water is an issue, you may come to the Hancock Public Health office, 7748 County Rd. 140, Findlay to receive FREE mosquito control kits 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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