Press Release

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Columbus Public Health to Spray Area Neighborhoods to Prevent West Nile Virus *CPH urges residents to help remove standing water around your property*

WHAT: Columbus Public Health (CPH) will be spraying the areas highlighted in our on-line map to help control disease in our region. Rains have caused standing water in many areas of Columbus and Worthington, and mosquitoes breed and multiply easily in such water. CPH urges residents to help remove temporary pools of water around your property. Include clearing debris from ditches, cutting small channels to help pooling water drain, or filling in holes and tire ruts with dirt.

CPH practices disease control and prevention for the West Nile virus by trapping mosquitoes, investigating complaints, treating standing water, and spraying in areas with high mosquito counts and disease presence.

- WHO: Columbus Public Health
- WHEN: Monday September 26, 2016, Tuesday September 27, 2016, and Friday September 30, 2016 between the morning hours of 3:30 am 7:15 am.
- WHERE: The <u>online map</u> outlines the designated areas:

Monday September 26, 2016

- Eastland/Brice
- West Olentangy
- Far North

Tuesday September 27, 2016

- Eastmoor/Walnut Ridge
- Near North/University
- Clintonville
- Far Northwest 1
- Worthington West

Friday September 30, 2016

- Northland
- North Linden
- Northeast
- Clintonville
- **DETAILS:** Weekly spraying areas are determined by mosquito trap results and reports from field staff, the number and type of mosquitoes trapped, the number of infected mosquitoes and evidence of human disease. Updated spraying maps are available on the Columbus Public Health Web site.

MORE INFO: Additional information on West Nile is available at: <u>www.publichealth.columbus.gov</u>, <u>www.cdc.gov</u>, and <u>www.epa.gov</u>. Map online at: <u>www.publichealth.columbus.gov</u>.