



Press Release

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Columbus Public Health to Spray Area Neighborhoods to Protect Residents from Disease *Residents Urged to help Prevent West Nile by removing Standing Water on Their Properties*

WHAT: Columbus Public Health (CPH) will be spraying the areas highlighted in the online map due to mosquitoes testing positive for the West Nile virus.

Rains have caused standing water in many areas of Columbus and Worthington, and mosquitoes breed and multiply easily in standing water. CPH urges residents to help remove temporary pools of water around their property by clearing debris from ditches, cutting small channels to help pooling water drain or filling in holes and tire ruts with dirt. Residents also should empty any standing water in buckets, flower pots, bird baths, outside toys, and children's small wading pools to prevent mosquito growth.

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: August 16, 17, 18, 21, 22 & 23 2017
Between 3:30–6:45 a.m.

WHERE: The [online map](#) outlines the areas to be sprayed, weather permitting:

On Wednesday, August 16, the following areas will be sprayed:

- Clintonville
- Far South
- Franklinton
- Near East
- Near North/University
- Rickenbacker

On Thursday, August 17, the following areas will be sprayed:

- Clintonville
- Far North
- Rocky Fork/Blacklick
- West Olentangy

On Friday, August 18, the following areas will be sprayed:

- Near South
- Northland
- Southeast

On Monday, August 21, the following areas will be sprayed:

- Eastland/Brice
- Near South
- North Linden
- South Linden

On Tuesday, August 22, the following areas will be sprayed:

- North Linden
- South Linden

On Wednesday, August 23, the following areas will be sprayed:

- Hilltop
- Westland

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.

INFO: West Nile: www.publichealth.columbus.gov, www.cdc.gov and www.epa.gov.
Spraying Map: www.publichealth.columbus.gov.

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