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Cumberland County Vector Control Deploys New Trap to Address Aggressive Mosquitoes

Cumberland County, Pennsylvania– Over the course of several days, Cumberland County Vector Control has received numerous complaints from residents being overwhelmed by adult mosquitoes in certain areas of Silver Spring Township and Dickinson Township. These complaints are unique in that the residents are being bitten during the daytime hours, which is not typical mosquito behavior. These mosquitoes are categorized as “Daytime Biters” and have not been present in Cumberland County for several seasons.

Daytime Biters

- Very aggressive mosquito
- Not a known carrier of West Nile Virus (different mosquito species)
- Habitat is in any standing water
- Most active early morning, late afternoon
- Weak fliers- 200 yard flying radius so they reproduce relatively close by (homeowners could be unknowingly providing habitat source)

At this time, Cumberland County Vector Control has deployed traps in these areas to collect samples and a course of action will be decided pending the results of trap collection numbers. It is important to note that the traps used for this species of mosquito are different than traps Cumberland County residents are used to seeing. Residents are encouraged to visit the Vector Control website to view images of these traps in an effort to avoid any alarm over the unique trap. Images of these traps, along with a map showing locations are available online by visiting <http://www.ccpa.net/index.aspx?NID=3711>.

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