



## Cumberland County Board of Commissioners

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# Press Release

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### Spraying Tonight in Five Municipalities Due to Additional Positive WNV Mosquito Samples

**Carlisle, PA** – Cumberland County will be conducting an Adult Mosquito Control Spray **tonight, August 16, from dusk to 11 p.m. in portions of Carlisle, Mechanicsburg Boroughs, North Middleton, Monroe, Silver Spring Townships**, due to additional West Nile Virus (WNV) positive mosquito samples in these areas. To date, there have been 31 positive WNV samples identified for the summer season. There were 41 positive samples last year at this time.

#### **In 2023, positive mosquito samples have been found in the following municipalities:**

Camp Hill, Carlisle, Lemoyne, Mechanicsburg, New Cumberland, and Shiremanstown Boroughs, East Pennsboro, Hampden, North Middleton, Monroe, Shippensburg, Silver Spring, Upper Allen Townships.

#### **Tonight's route of the control treatment and product label information:**

[www.cumberlandcountypa.gov/2830/Evening-Control-Program](http://www.cumberlandcountypa.gov/2830/Evening-Control-Program)

Cumberland County's Vector Control will continue to monitor mosquito populations and treat these areas with alternative methods and spraying as needed.

Residents can help prevent the spread of WNV by:

- Using mosquito repellants and wearing long-sleeved shirts and pants
- Taking extra precautions around dusk, the peak of female mosquito feeding
- Securing window and door screens to prevent mosquitos from entering your home
- Dumping stagnant water around your property
- Treating water sources that cannot be drained with mosquito dunks that contain Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis (Bti), which kill larvae. These products are safe for use around humans and pets; and can be found at hardware stores and other local retailers.

Mosquitos are infected with WNV when feeding on infected birds. They transmit the disease to other birds, animals, and humans.

The county's WNV program utilizes an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Plan which controls mosquitoes, while limiting health risks and protecting the environment. Vector Control continues to collect, monitor, and treat water habitats.

For more information, visit [cumberlandcountypa.gov/1064/West-Nile-Virus](http://www.cumberlandcountypa.gov/1064/West-Nile-Virus).