

MEDIA RELEASE

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For Immediate Release

Mosquito Spraying to Take Place and Positive West Nile Virus Test Results Increase

(Canton, OH) – This morning, Canton City Public Health (CCPH) received word from the Ohio Department of Health Laboratory that six more mosquito samples collected as part of their mosquito surveillance program have tested positive for West Nile Virus (WNV). This brings the total number of WNV positives to thirteen since June 3, 2024.

Due to the steady increase in WNV positives, CCPH will conduct their next round of mosquito spraying beginning Monday, July 29 through Wednesday, August 7, 2024. This will be the third round of mosquito spraying this year.

WNV is the leading cause of mosquito-borne disease in the continental U.S. The virus is spread to humans from the bite of an infected mosquito. Symptoms include fever, headache, body aches, vomiting, diarrhea or rash, and are seen in about 20% of cases.

We ask city residents to take an active part in helping reduce mosquitoes and mosquito bites by removing items from yards that can collect and hold water such as old tires, cans, buckets and bottles, and protect themselves by limiting time outdoors during peak mosquito activity (dusk to dawn) and using EPA registered insect repellants when outdoors.

Mosquito spraying will take place as follows:

NW AREA OF CANTON CITY

MONDAY - WEDNESDAY, JULY 29 - 31

East Boundary	Market Avenue
North Boundary	North City Limits
West Boundary	West City Limits
South Boundary	Tuscarawas Street

SW AREA OF CANTON CITY

THURSDAY - FRIDAY, AUGUST 1 & 2

East Boundary	Market Avenue
North Boundary	Tuscarawas Street
West Boundary	West City Limits
South Boundary	South City Limits

NE AREA OF CANTON CITY

MONDAY - TUESDAY, AUGUST 5 & 6

East Boundary	East City Limits
North Boundary	North City Limits
West Boundary	Market Avenue
South Boundary	Tuscarawas Street

SE AREA OF CANTON CITY

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

East Boundary	East City Limits
North Boundary	Tuscarawas Street
West Boundary	Market Avenue
South Boundary	South City Limits

Spraying hours will be from 9:00 p.m. until 12:00 a.m. In the event of rain, windy conditions or low temperatures during any of the above scheduled dates, spraying will be rescheduled for August 8 and 9.

Residents with respiratory ailments should take necessary precautions to protect themselves and beekeepers should protect their hives.

Questions should be directed to Gus Dria, Environmental Health Supervisor, at gdria@cantonhealth.org or 330.438.4647.

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