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Press Release

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For Immediate Release

Pickaway County Mosquito Pool Tests Positive for West Nile Virus

Pickaway County Public Health has received confirmation from the Ohio Department of Health of the recent detection of West Nile virus (WNV) in mosquitoes collected from Harrison Township. This is the first confirmed positive test of the virus in the mosquito population in Pickaway County for 2023. No human cases have been reported.

West Nile Virus is a potentially serious (carried by mosquitos) disease that can be transmitted to humans through an infected mosquito bite. It is important to take appropriate steps to minimize exposure and reduce the risk of infection. Pickaway County Public Health strongly encourages residents to take the following actions:

1. Use insect repellent containing DEET, Picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, or IR3535.
2. If concerned about exposure, wear long pants and long sleeves.
3. Eliminate standing water around the home.

Symptoms of West Nile virus can vary from fever, headache, body aches, nausea, and a skin rash. Symptoms can last for several days to months. If residents are experiencing any of these symptoms after mosquito exposure, we highly encourage them to seek medical care.

For the latest information and resources regarding West Nile Virus and mosquito control, please visit our website at:

[PCPH Mosquito Control Information](#)

If you should have questions or concerns, please contact Pickaway County Public Health at 740-477-9667.

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