

# **MEDIA RELEASE**

Canton City Public Health

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## **For Immediate Release**

### **Mosquitoes Test Positive for West Nile Virus and Mosquito Spraying Schedule**

(Canton, OH) – Canton City Public Health (CCPH) received word earlier this week from the Ohio Department of Health Laboratory that mosquito samples collected as part of their mosquito abatement program have tested positive for West Nile Virus. This is the second report of West Nile Virus positive mosquitoes received from ODH this year. The samples that have tested positive for West Nile Virus were trapped on Gateway Blvd. SE and in Monument Park.

CCPH vector control staff continue to identify and remove areas of stagnant water and larvicide. CCPH will be spraying for mosquitoes beginning Monday, August 14 through Wednesday August 23, 2023. This will be the third round of spraying since June. Larviciding kills mosquitoes at the larval stage while spraying targets adult mosquitoes.

CCPH asks city residents to take an active part in helping to reduce mosquitoes by removing items from yards that collect and hold water such as old tires, cans, buckets and bottles. Take steps to protect yourself and your family from mosquito bites by limiting time outdoors during peak mosquito activity (dusk to dawn) and using an approved insect repellent when outdoors.

Mosquito spraying will take place as follows:

#### NW AREA OF CANTON CITY MONDAY - WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14 - 16

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 17 & 18

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 21 & 22

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 23

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

Spraying hours will be from 8:30 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 24 and 25.

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

Find more information on how to Fight the Bite at: [www.cantonhealth.org](http://www.cantonhealth.org). Questions should be directed to Gus Dria, Environmental Health Supervisor, at [gdria@cantonhealth.org](mailto:gdria@cantonhealth.org) or 330.438.4647.

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