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Mosquito Samples Test Positive for West Nile Virus

MEDINA, Ohio (August 13, 2026) – The Medina County Health Department received confirmation of three different mosquito samples that tested positive for West Nile Virus (WNV) from the following locations:

- Sharon Community Ball Park in Sharon Township
- Hidden Hollow Camp in Lodi
- Silver Maple Lane in Medina Township (Common area behind homes in housing development)

As part of a statewide mosquito surveillance program, the Health Department collects weekly mosquito samples from throughout the county. These positive mosquito samples do not involve any human cases.

Mosquitoes infected with WNV are identified each year throughout Ohio, and human infections can occur after the bite of an infected mosquito. With these positive samples, the Medina County Health Department wants to take this opportunity to remind residents to take all personal precautions to prevent mosquito bites.

The easiest and best way to avoid WNV is to prevent mosquito bites:

- Use repellents with DEET, picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus, or para-menthane-diol. Follow label directions.
- Mosquitoes are most active from dusk to dawn. Use repellent and wear long sleeves and pants, or stay indoors during these hours.
- Keep window and door screens in good condition.
- Remove standing water from containers like flower pots, buckets, and barrels. Refresh pet and bird water weekly. Drain tire swings, and keep wading pools emptied and turned over when not in use.

The Health Department treats road ditches (approximately 52 miles worth), storm sewers, and catch basins throughout the entire county. Other private and public properties are also part of the treatment plan. Environmentally friendly larvicide and pesticides are used.

Even though wetland areas can produce mosquitoes, the Medina County Park District reminds us that a healthy wetland ecosystem contains many aquatic species that prey on mosquito larva and help keep their populations in check.

For more information about the Medina County Health Department mosquito control program or West Nile Virus, visit or call 330-723-9688, option 3.

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About Medina County Health Department

The Medina County Health Department has protected your health since 1918. Its mission is to prevent disease, assure a healthful environment, prolong life, and promote well-being for the citizens of Medina County. Services are partially supported by your property tax health levy. Equal opportunity provider.

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