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### **LAKE COUNTY WEST NILE VIRUS (WNV) NEWS: MULTIPLE POSITIVE WNV MOSQUITO POOLS IDENTIFIED**

The Lake County General Health District (LCGHD) announces that the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) has confirmed seven positive mosquito pools for West Nile Virus (WNV) in Lake County. A “pool” is a collection of no more than 50 mosquitoes. These positive pools were collected on Blackbrook and Bowhall Roads in Painesville Township. It is likely that positive WNV mosquitoes are present throughout the county. To date, no human cases of WNV have been identified in Lake County.

Please remember that West Nile Virus is native to Lake County and Ohio since 2001 and will continue to be a long term, public health threat. Do your part to control breeding sites. Here are some tips for homeowners to reduce the risk of getting WNV:

- Dispose of tin cans, old tires, buckets, unused plastic swimming pools, plastic covers or other containers that collect and hold water.
- Keep roof gutters unclogged. Clean gutters in the spring and fall.
- Clean and chlorinate swimming pools, outdoor saunas, and hot tubs. Keep them covered when empty.
- Empty and change the water in bird baths, fountains, wading pools, rain barrels, and potted trays at least once a week, if not more often.
- Fill or drain puddles, ditches, and swampy areas and either remove, drain, or fill tree holes and stumps with mortar.
- Contact the health department with concerns regarding malfunctioning septic systems.
- Eliminate standing water around animal watering troughs.
- Irrigate lawns and gardens carefully to prevent water from standing for several days.
- Avoid being outside from dusk until dawn when mosquitoes are most active. If you cannot avoid those times, use an insect repellent.
- Use an [insect repellent](#) containing Picaridin or DEET. Use repellents according to label instructions. Take special care when using insect repellents on children. Wash treated skin and clothing after returning indoors.
- Wear long sleeved shirts, long pants, and socks if you go outside when mosquitoes are most active (from dusk until dawn).
- Make sure window and door screens are “bug tight”. Repair or replace torn screens.

Please call the LCGHD at (440) 350-2543 with questions concerning mosquito control or West Nile Virus. Additional WNV and mosquito information can be found at:

Ohio Dept. of Health: <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/odhprograms/bid/zdp/diseases/wnv.aspx>

CDC: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/index.htm>

LCGHD: <https://www.lcghd.org/wnv>