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Mosquito Populations Still High; Camp Hill to be Sprayed Again

Cumberland County, PA – Mosquito populations are still high in Camp Hill, which has prompted another round of spraying, according to Cumberland County's Vector Control office. The spraying will begin at dusk on Wednesday, August 23 for most of the borough ([see map](#)). This will be the third spraying the Camp Hill. Because of continued high levels of mosquitos, Vector Control will use DeltaGuard, which is a different treatment than that used previously. This treatment is still designed to provide quick, effective control of mosquitos and has a very low toxicity to mammals and other non-target insects. The spraying will be administered from one of the County's West Nile Program trucks.

Residents are still encouraged to do their part to help control mosquitos. Stagnant water sitting in buckets, clogged rainspouts, toys, unattended swimming pools, etc. can quickly become breeding grounds for mosquitos.

It's recommended that containers be emptied of stagnant water every five days to prevent adult mosquitoes from emerging. If you have a water source that cannot be drained, treat with mosquito dunks or bits that contain *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* (Bti), which kills larvae. These products are safe for use around humans and pets, and can be found at hardware and other local retailers.

Vector Control will continue to collect and monitor the mosquito population and to actively treat water habitat, using an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Plan, to limit future generations of mosquitoes.

Mosquitoes transmit WNV by feeding on infected birds and transmit the disease when biting another bird, animal or human. The virus is not spread by person-to-person contact. One in five people infected with WNV develop a mild infection called West Nile Fever; aches, fever, skin rash and swollen lymph nodes are symptoms of this infection. With rest and fluids, most people recover in a few days. Less than one percent of infections develop into the life-threatening West Nile Encephalitis. Symptoms in severe cases include a high fever, headache, neck stiffness, muscle weakness, disorientation, tremors and convulsions. This infection requires immediate medical treatment.

For more information on the West Nile Virus Control Program in Cumberland County and tips on how to protect yourself from WNV, visit www.ccpa.net/vector.

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