



## Mosquito Surveillance and Virus Updates from 9/19-9/30

### Berks County Conservation District West Nile Virus Program

#### Areas Surveyed:

- Reading City
- Wyomissing Boro
- Cumru Township
- Kenhorst Boro
- Muhlenburg Township
- Ontelaunee Township
- West Reading Boro
- Alsace Township
- Exeter Township
- Shillington Boro
- Spring Township
- Washington Township
- Lower Alsace Township
- Douglass Township
- Colebrookdale Township
- Boyertown Borough
- Bally Borough
- Bern Township
- Jefferson Township
- Mohnton Borough
- Amity Township
- Caernarvon Township
- Birdsboro Borough
- Saint Lawrence Borough
- Hereford Township



\*Areas underlined are surveyed each week

\*\*Areas in red indicate a positive mosquito sample\*\*

#### Testing Results:

Multiple mosquito samples have now tested positive for West Nile in Berks County. The effected township(s) have been notified and precautions are being taken.

#### Empty Pools

School is back in session and public pools are no longer in use. Throughout the last two weeks, we have noticed a number of municipal pools that are not currently being aerated. Mosquito larvae can tolerate amounts of chlorine, and the best way to prevent mosquito breeding would be to keep aerating these pools while they are not in use. Please contact the coordinator if you would like more information regarding this.

## Tire Collection

The BCCD is funding a FREE tire collection on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at Allegheny Tire and Salvage in Birdsboro. The event is FREE, but reservations MUST be made prior to your arrival. Appointments can be made at [info@berkscd.com](mailto:info@berkscd.com). Please reach out for further information.



## Planning for 2023...

Below are the links for two surveys regarding our mosquito program going into the 2023 season. Our mosquito team would like to begin to have educational programs and/or possibly help municipalities to develop small scale programs within their area. Please take these surveys so that we can gauge interest in these future programs.

Mosquito Knowledge Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QLPSGKM>

Mosquito Education Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/C5SBPY5>



## As the season dies down...

As we begin to see adult mosquito populations begin to dwindle and summer comes to a close, we sometimes begin to see people becoming less diligent about mosquito breeding and mosquito bite prevention.

West Nile carrying mosquitoes will be disappearing very shortly. These mosquitoes will begin to overwinter with cooler temperatures and shorter days, meaning risk of West Nile transmission is very low at this time of year. Most adult mosquitoes that are still active pose very little, if any, risk to human health and mostly artificial container breeders.

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