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WEST NILE VIRUS MOSQUITO SAMPLE DETECTED IN MOORESTOWN & MOUNT HOLLY

Nearby Areas To Be Treated This Thursday, July 5th

Mosquito traps placed in the vicinity of sewage treatment plants in Moorestown and Mount Holly have turned up positive samples of West Nile Virus, according to the Burlington County Mosquito Division.

As a result, the division will treat to control adult mosquitoes early in the evening, this Thursday, July 5th, weather permitting, officials said.

The positive samples bring to a total of three (3) the number of West Nile mosquitoes trapped this season. The first was identified in late May in Pemberton Township.

Areas within approximately one-half mile of each sewerage plant will be treated, starting at 7:30 PM. Pesticide will be applied in a mist form by a truck-mounted sprayer. Residents are encouraged to stay indoors while treatment occurs.

The Mount Holly plant is located at 300 Rancocas Road, in close proximity to the Mount Holly Bypass. The Moorestown sewerage plant is located at 250 Pine Street.

The Mosquito Division routinely places traps throughout the County during the warm weather season, to identify the presence of mosquitoes carrying West Nile Virus, Eastern Equine Encephalitis, and St. Louis Encephalitis.

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Residents were once again reminded to take precautions against mosquito bites by using repellent, wearing long sleeves and long pants, and by trying to limit outdoor activity when mosquitoes are most active, during dawn and dusk.

Residents should also clean or remove any items on their personal property that can collect rain or sprinkler water and serve as a breeding ground for mosquitoes, such as clogged gutters, flowerpots, bottle caps or old car tires. They should also completely change water in birdbaths at least once a week and should repair window and door screens.

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