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## **MOSQUITO DIVISION TO TREAT IN MAPLE SHADE & MOORESTOWN**

### **Areas Near Sewage Plants To Be Treated As A Result Of Positive West Nile Samples**

The Burlington County Mosquito Division has announced it will treat to control adult mosquitoes in the vicinity of the Maple Shade and Moorestown sewage treatment plants as a result of two more mosquito samples showing positive for West Nile Virus.

Weather permitting areas within one mile of each plant will be treated sometime after 6:30 PM on Tuesday, July 13, 2010. Pesticide will be applied in a mist form by truck. Residents are encouraged to stay indoors while treatment occurs.

In the event of rain, treatment will be postponed until Wednesday.

This is the second positive sample collected from the area of the Moorestown plant. Overall, a total three positive samples have been identified in Burlington County during the past two weeks.

In Moorestown, treatment will take place in a one-half to one mile radius of the sewage treatment plant, which is located on Pine Street off North Lenola Road.

In Maple Shade, treatment will be targeted to a similar sized radius around the sewage treatment plant and Park Avenue.

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**PRESS RELEASE: Mosquitoes – 7/12/10 – Add One**

County health officials once again reminded residents to take precautions against mosquitoes by using repellent wearing long sleeves and long pants during periods when mosquitoes are most active.

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.

About one in 150 persons, or less than 1 percent of those infected with West Nile virus will develop a more severe form of the disease. The elderly and immune-compromised are at higher risk of more severe disease.

Symptoms of the more severe form of West Nile Virus include severe headache, high fever, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness and paralysis.

However, most people exposed to West Nile Virus will not display any symptoms and some will have mild symptoms including fever, headache, body aches, skin rash and swollen lymph glands.

Additional Information can be accessed on the county web site at <http://www.co.burlington.nj.us/health>.

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