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West Nile Virus Detected In City; Fogging Planned

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Powell, OH. Mosquitoes caught in a trap in downtown Powell tested positive for West Nile virus. As a result, the Delaware General Health District will start mosquito fogging in the City of Powell early in the morning of Wednesday, Aug. 20, weather permitting.

According to a press release from the Health District, the fogging is planned to kill adult mosquitoes because of the possibility that they could transmit the disease to people. The fogging will take place within one mile of the trap location at the Powell Municipal Building, 47 Hall Street.

The Health District release said fogging in Powell will proceed between 4 a.m. and sunrise along public roads and streets. Rainy or windy weather will cause fogging to be postponed. Anyone who does not want mosquito fogging adjacent to their property can call the Health District at 740-368-1700 and ask to be placed on the “no-fog list.”

The Ohio Department of Health laboratory notified the Delaware General Health District today (Friday) about the virus being detected in a pool of mosquitoes collected in Powell on the night of July 23. The mosquitoes were caught in one of several traps set nightly by Health District employees at various sites around Delaware County, according to the press release.

Any plans for additional mosquito fogging will be announced by the Health District in local news media, on the Health District Information Line, 740-203-2015, and online at www.delawarehealth.org. Click on “Environmental Health” and then “Residential Services.”

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