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Gallia County General Health District Confirms West Nile Virus in Local Mosquito Pool

Gallipolis, Ohio — August 21, 2025 — In an effort to keep our community members informed, the Gallia County General Health District (GCGHD) can confirm that a mosquito collected in Green Township on August 8, 2025 tested positive for West Nile Virus (WNV). The GCGHD conducts mosquito-borne disease surveillance every year throughout multiple locations in the county. The collected mosquitoes are submitted to the Ohio Department of Health Laboratory for identification and testing for mosquito-borne diseases such as La Crosse Encephalitis, St. Louis Encephalitis, and West Nile Virus. This is the first positive result of West Nile Virus in a Gallia County mosquito this season. **No human cases have been reported in Gallia County.**

The Gallia County General Health District recommends the following actions to help protect the community from mosquito bites and assist in reducing the mosquito population.

To avoid possible infection from mosquito bites:

- Avoid outdoor activities between dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active.
- If you must be outdoors, be sure to wear long pants, long-sleeved shirts, shoes, and socks. Light colors are least attractive to mosquitoes.
- Use EPA-registered mosquito repellants according to label instructions.

To eliminate mosquito breeding sites near your home:

- Remove all discarded tires and other water-holding containers such as cans, buckets, and unused flower pots from your property. Eliminate standing water from your property.
- Make sure all roof gutters are clean and drain properly.
- Clean and chlorinate pools, outdoor saunas, and hot tubs. Keep them empty when not in use and drain water from pool covers.
- Change water in bird baths weekly.

For more information on West Nile Virus, you can visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website at <https://www.cdc.gov/west-nile-virus/index.html> or call the Gallia County General Health District at (740)441-2018.

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About the Gallia County General Health District

The Gallia County General Health District (GCGHD), nationally accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board, works to promote health, prevent disease, and protect all people in Gallia County. Learn more about the Gallia County General Health District at www.galliahealth.org. For more information, please contact Brittany Muncy at brittany.muncy@galliahealth.org or via phone at (740)441-2955.