JUNE WNV 2024

Mosquitos!

June saw an increase in mosquito populations in Beaver County.

We set 60 gravid traps and collected over 8,400 mosquitoes. We did not report any positive mosquito samples this month. We set 8 BG Sentinel traps and collected over 150 mosquitoes. We also collected approximately 200 larvae/pupae in 46 sampling events.

We investigated 1 mosquito call of concern and 1 dead bird call of concern in June.

We conducted 4 adult control events by means of backpack sprayer within the county and 55 larval control events to reduce mosquito populations and reduce the risk of West Nile Virus.



TICKS!

- We conducted 10 tick drags in June and collected over 50 ticks that included larvae, nymphs, and adults.
- Several ticks submitted for testing were determined to contain Borrelia burgdorferi, the pathogen for Lyme Disease and Anaplasma phagocytophilum which causes Anaplasmosis.
- Nymphal ticks are small and sometimes hard to see if they attach to the skin to take a blood meal, so it is important to be extra observant when doing selfchecks for ticks. Don't forget to check pets too!

As we get into the heart of summer and continue to experience hot, humid weather, we encourage all residents to protect themselves while enjoying outdoor activities to reduce the risk of getting bitten by mosquitoes and ticks. Wearing EPA approved insect repellent while enjoying outdoor activities and wearing loose fitting light-colored long-sleeved shirts and pants to reduce areas for mosquitoes and ticks to take a bite!

For more Information on insect repellents and personal protection, please visit the West Nile Virus sections of our website or give us a call 724-378-1701 ext. 222