

September continued to be another viral month in Beaver County, with 21 West Nile Virus positive mosquito traps.

65 gravid traps were set in September and over 4,900 mosquitoes were collected.

We set 11 BG Sentinel traps and collected over 700 mosquitoes.

We also collected approximately 115 larvae/pupae in sampling events.

We conducted 13 adult control events. 2 truck-mounted ULV events, 7 backpack barrier events, and 4 thermal fogging events.

49 larval control events were conducted to reduce larval mosquito populations before they became adult mosquitoes.

We investigated 2 mosquito calls of concern in September.

Beaver County mosquito surveillance concludes for 2024 the first week of October. We will resume mosquito surveillance in the spring of 2025.

We would like to thank everyone for participating in our spring tire collection in April to reduce mosquito habitat, everyone who reduced mosquito breeding areas on their properties, and for all the positive cooperative efforts during our truck-mounted sprays in communities to reduce the risk for West Nile Virus. This year was a particularly viral year for Beaver County and across the United States and we thank all our towns and municipalities throughout the county for helping reduce the presence of West Nile Virus.

Mosquitoes can still be present until the first killing frost of the year. We encourage everyone to practice personal protective measures during outdoor activities. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) offers the following preventative tips to protect against mosquito bites.

Have a Happy Fall!



MOSQUITO BITE PREVENTION

HOW TO PROTECT AGAINST MOSQUITO BITES



Mosquitoes bite during the day and night. They live indoors and outdoors. Protect your family from mosquito bites. Use insect repellent, wear long-sleeved shirts and pants, and take steps to control mosquitoes indoors and outdoors.

Use insect repellent

- Use Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered insect repellents with one of the following active ingredients: DEET, picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus, para-menthane-diol, or 2-undecanone.
- Always follow product label instructions.
- Reapply insect repellent as directed.
 - » Do not spray repellent on the skin under clothing.
 - » If you are also using sunscreen, apply sunscreen first and insect repellent second.
- The effectiveness of non-EPA registered insect repellents, including some natural repellents, is not known.



Wear long-sleeved shirts, pants Treat clothes and gear

- Wear long-sleeved shirts and pants.
- Treat items such as boots, pants, socks, and tents with permethrin or buy permethrin-treated clothing and gear.
 - » Permethrin is an insecticide that kills or repels mosquitoes.
 - » Permethrin-treated clothing will protect you after multiple washings. See product information to find out how long the protection will last.
 - » If treating items yourself, follow the product instructions.
- Do not use permethrin products directly on skin.



EPA-registered active ingredients

Higher percentages of active ingredient provide longer protection

DEET

Picaridin (known as KBR and icaridin outside the US)

IR3535

Oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE)

Para-menthane-diol (PMD)

2-undecanone



Find the insect repellent that's right for you by using [EPA's search tool](#).

The EPA's search tool is available at: www.epa.gov/insect-repellents/find-insect-repellent-right-you



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Protect babies and children

- Always follow instructions when applying insect repellent to children.
- Do not use insect repellent on babies younger than 2 months old.
 - » Instead dress your child in clothing that covers arms and legs.
 - » Cover strollers and baby carriers with mosquito netting.
- Do not use products containing oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE) or para-menthane-diol (PMD) on children younger than 3 years old.
- Do not apply insect repellent onto a child's hands, eyes, mouth, cuts or irritated skin.
 - » Adults: spray insect repellent onto your hands and then apply to a child's face.



Control mosquitoes indoors

- Keep windows and doors shut and use air conditioning if possible.
- Use, install, or repair window and door screens.
- **Once a week**, empty or throw out any items that hold water like vases and flowerpot saucers.
- Use an indoor insect fogger or indoor insect spray to kill mosquitoes and treat areas where they rest. These products work immediately, but may need to be reapplied. Always follow label instructions.

Control mosquitoes outdoors

- **Once a week**, empty or throw out any items that hold water like vases and flowerpot saucers.
- Tightly cover water storage containers (buckets, rain barrels, etc.)
- For containers without lids, use mesh with holes smaller than an adult mosquito.
- Use larvicides to treat large containers of water that will not be used for drinking and cannot be covered or dumped out.
- Use an outdoor insect spray in dark humid areas where mosquitoes rest, like under patio furniture or in the carpet or garage. Always follow label instructions.
- If you have a septic tank, repair cracks or gaps. Cover vent or plumbing pipe openings using mesh with holes smaller than an adult mosquito.



[Learn more: www.cdc.gov/mosquitoes](http://www.cdc.gov/mosquitoes)