

Summer is officially here, and the Beaver County West Nile Virus vector-borne disease control program surveillance season is in full swing. We have responded to 2 mosquito calls of concern and 2 dead bird concern calls. We are continuing larval collection and control throughout the county and have performed 3 adult mosquito control events via backpack application.

BG Sentinel surveillance began June 1st at various fixed sites to monitor the presence of the Asian Tiger Mosquito in the county. At this time, we have deployed approximately 104 gravid traps and 8 BG Sentinel traps and have collected over 7,500 adult mosquitoes. Although there have been several positive West Nile Virus mosquito traps found in parts of Pennsylvania, the test results confirm there are NO positive results for West Nile in Beaver County at this time.

Surveillance will continue throughout the season until October of this year.

As the weather heats up and is unpredictable, we want to remind everyone to stay mosquito aware this summer by wearing EPA approved repellents for mosquitoes and ticks. Please visit the EPA website for more information on the correct repellent for you [www.epa.gov/insect-repellents](http://www.epa.gov/insect-repellents)

Drain any containers that may hold water for longer periods of time after rain events. Check birdbaths, dog water bowls, kiddie pools regularly and refresh the water to keep it mosquito larvae free.

For other areas that can't be dumped or drained, they can be treated with Bti products like mosquito dunks that can be purchased at home improvement, and garden retail stores.

Any questions related to West Nile Virus or mosquito concerns, please contact us at the Beaver County Conservation District 724-378-1701 ext. 222

Have a great summer!!