PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY

WEST NILE VIRUS IDENTIFIED IN SPRINGDALE, OHIO

August 31, 2017 - The Springdale Health Department recently identified West Nile Virus positive mosquito pools in several areas of the community including Chamberlain Park, Hilda Ross Park, the Glenview Subdivision, and the Springdale Park Subdivision.

West Nile Virus (WNV) can be transmitted to humans through the bite of a WNV positive mosquito. In most cases, an individual bitten by a WNV positive mosquito will develop no symptoms or have a very minimal reaction (flu like symptoms). In rare cases, WNV can cause more serious illnesses including paralysis, swelling of the brain, coma, or in rare occasions, death. Senior citizens and individuals with a weakened immune system resulting from a pre-existing medical condition (e.g., cancer or hypertension) are at an increased risk for severe WNV symptoms. Please protect yourself and your family from West Nile Virus by taking the following precautions:

- Drain sources of standing water including buckets, tires, and bird baths
- Apply mosquito dunks to water bodies that cannot be immediately drained
  - Mosquito dunks are available at the Springdale Health Department Office
- Take steps to prevent mosquitoes from entering your home (ex. repair window screens, keep doors closed)
- Use EPA-approved insect repellent and reapply as directed
- Cover exposed skin whenever possible
- If you’re camping or sleeping outside, use a screened tent
- Dress kids in clothing that covers arms and legs when weather permits
- Cover strollers and baby carriers with mosquito netting
- Do not use repellent on babies younger than 2 months old
- Do not apply repellent directly to a child’s face, spray onto your hands first