



# LICKING COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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### *Mosquito Spraying Schedule: August 29 – September 2*

**08/26/2016 LICKING COUNTY, OHIO** – The LCHD will be conducting mosquito spraying in the following locations August 29 through September 2:

- August 29 – Belt Sports Complex, Johnstown
- August 29 – Bike Path, Johnstown
- August 29 – Concord East & Concord West, Johnstown
- August 29 – Flint Ridge Park, Heath
- August 30 – Tamarack Road, Newark
- August 30 – In the vicinity of Jefferson Rd., Newark
- August 30 – Southern portion of the Village of Granville
- August 31 – City of Pataskala
- September 1 – Pataskala Mobile Home Park
- September 1 – Village of Kirkersville
- September 1 – Buckeye Lake KOA Campground

All spraying will be conducted after dusk. This schedule is subject to change. Any schedule changes will be posted on the LCHD social media and/or website at [www.lickingcohealth.org](http://www.lickingcohealth.org). Additionally, you can find a list of 2016 West Nile Virus-positive mosquito traps, by location, [here](#).

## **Preventing Mosquito Bites**

Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water, which includes puddles, stagnant ditches, and containers such as old tires, buckets, cans, neglected swimming pools and flower pots. Mosquitoes can carry diseases, including West Nile Virus, which can cause serious illness. It is important to apply mosquito repellent when participating in any outdoor activity when mosquitoes are active.

**The Licking County Health Department recommends following these tips to help avoid mosquito bites:**

- Make sure that doors and windows have tight-fitting screens.
- Repair or replace all torn screens in your home.
- Remove all discarded tires from your property.
- Dispose of tin cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots, or similar water-holding containers.
- Make sure roof gutters drain properly. Clean clogged gutters in the spring and fall.
- Clean and chlorinate swimming pools, outdoor saunas and hot tubs. If not in use, keep empty and covered.
- Drain water from pool covers.
- Change the water in bird baths at least once a week.

- Turn over plastic wading pools, and wheelbarrows, etc. when not in use.
- Clean ditches of obstructions so they drain properly.
- Eliminate any standing water that collects on your property.
- Check trees for cavities that hold water and fill them with soil, gravel, or sand.
- Remind or help neighbors to eliminate breeding sites on their properties.
- Use insect repellent and follow the label directions.

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