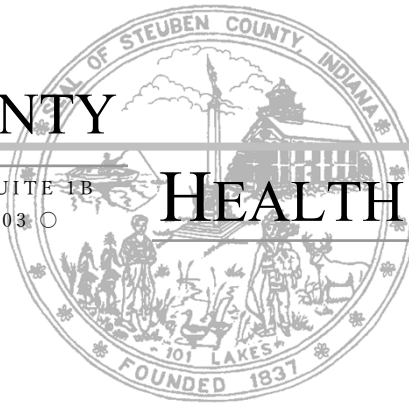


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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Mosquitos collected in Steuben County, Indiana have been tested and found to be carrying West Nile virus. Four mosquito pools collected in Steuben County on 7/30/25 by the Steuben County Health Department have tested positive. However, there have been **no** human cases of West Nile virus reported in the county.

There is the potential for seasonally warm temperatures in the upcoming forecast and mosquitoes will remain active above 60 degrees Fahrenheit, so the risk of mosquito bites is still present. There is still the possibility of a human contracting West Nile virus until the first hard freeze has occurred in our community.

The department recommends the following proactive measures:

- Avoid places where mosquitoes are biting;
- Apply insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin or lemon eucalyptus oil to clothes and exposed skin;
- Install or repair screens on windows and doors to keep mosquitoes out of the home; and,
- When possible, wear pants and long sleeves, especially if walking in wooded or marshy areas.

West Nile virus can cause West Nile fever, a mild form of illness, which can include fever, headache, body aches, swollen lymph glands or a rash. Some individuals will develop a more severe form of the disease with encephalitis or meningitis and other severe syndromes, including flaccid muscle paralysis.

To reduce mosquito breeding on property:

- Discard old tires, tin cans, ceramic pots or other containers that can hold water;
- Repair failed septic systems;
- Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers left outdoors;
- Keep grass cut short and shrubbery trimmed;
- Clean clogged roof gutters, particularly if leaves tend to plug up the drains;
- Frequently replace the water in pet bowls;
- Flush ornamental fountains and birdbaths periodically; and,
- Aerate ornamental pools, or stock them with predatory fish.

Individuals should contact their primary care physician for additional questions or concerns related to West Nile Virus, including testing and treatment.

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