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South Central Mosquito Control Schedules Spray Operations In McConnellsburg Borough, Ayr Township

MCCONNELLSBURG, PA. (August 28, 2025) – Residential and recreational areas in McConnellsburg Borough and Ayr Township will be sprayed for adult mosquitoes beginning around sunset on Sept. 3.

Areas to be sprayed essentially include the town of McConnellsburg and surrounding neighborhoods. More specifically, targeted areas include but are not limited to: Peach Orchard Road, Lincoln Way, Brooklyn Drive, 1st Street, 2nd Street, 3rd Street, 7th Street, Cooper Lane, North Street, East Poplar Street, Route 522 within McConnellsburg town limits, Reservoir Road, Lions Park Drive and Cold Springs.

High levels of West Nile virus have been detected in populations of mosquitoes in these areas. Roads are listed for residents' reference; other roads and areas in close proximity may also be sprayed.

Weather conditions and other unexpected events could delay or cancel the spray operations. If these operations are canceled, they will be rescheduled for Sept. 4.

The South Central Mosquito-Borne Disease Control Program will be conducting this truck-mounted ultra-low volume (ULV) mosquito control operation. South Central's mosquito and tick-borne disease control specialist will be on site for the application. Franklin County's business license is BU 13939, and the product used will be PermaSease 4-4 applied at a rate of 1.00 oz per acre. This product is designed to provide quick knockdown and effective control of adult mosquitoes. The spray dissipates after 15 minutes and is conducted after sunset to avoid contact with non-target species such as bees.

Residents are asked to stay indoors while the truck-mounted spray is conducted in their neighborhoods. South Central staff have a policy of turning off the sprayer as a courtesy when residents are outside during a spray. The more often a spray is turned off, the less effective the operation will be at reducing mosquitoes and West Nile in a given neighborhood.

Fulton County residents should protect themselves from mosquito bites by wearing or implementing some form of repellent, including wearing long sleeves and pants when outside. Additionally, residents and homeowners should be vigilant of standing water, including artificial containers holding water such as buckets, clogged gutters, tarps or old tires. Something as small as a soda bottle cap filled with water can breed mosquitoes.

For more information, contact South Central's Mosquito and Tick-Borne Disease Control Specialist Jason Goetz at 717-753-0776 or jgoetz@franklincountypa.gov. Additional information about the South Central Mosquito and Tick-Borne Disease Control Program is also available online at <https://www.franklincountypa.gov/mosquito-tick-borne-disease-program>.

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