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# MCHD HEALTH BLOG

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## MOSQUITO CONTROL AND PROTECTION

With mosquito season in full swing, MCHD wants to keep Morgan County residents informed of our efforts to control mosquito activity. It's also important for families to know how they can keep themselves safe from potentially dangerous mosquito bites.

In Morgan County, mosquito trapping is an activity we do from the months of May to September in all 14 townships. Trapping is an important part of identifying different mosquito species that live in the county. Through trapping, we are able to test and identify mosquitoes infected with West Nile Virus, Zika, and more. Once we get that data from the Ohio Department of Health, we are able to inform the public on our findings. If you see a trap, please DO NOT tamper with it, throw it away, or move it as it is doing its job!

MCHD also uses larvicide water tablets and adulticide spray to control mosquito populations within the county. We will notify communities and businesses when adulticide spray is necessary.

Want to learn how you can protect yourself from pesky mosquito bites? Try wearing long sleeve shirts/pants, using insect repellent, and avoiding areas with standing water sources. For children, dress them in long clothes, cover your stroller/baby carrier with a mosquito net, and follow the label on the repellent to apply it properly. If you are also using sunscreen, apply the sunscreen before the repellent.

Help control mosquito populations by removing standing water around your yard, tightly covering water storage containers, and repairing septic tank gaps and cracks. If you would like more information on how to protect your home and our community against mosquitos, visit [www.morganpublichealth.org/mosquito-control-program](http://www.morganpublichealth.org/mosquito-control-program).