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News Release: West Nile Virus Positive Mosquito Pools Identified

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Routine monitoring for West Nile Virus (WNV) has identified positive mosquito pools in our community. This is the first sign of WNV in Johnson County.

Certain types of mosquitos spread WNV, a potentially serious infection to humans. So far in 2025, **NO** human cases of WNV have been identified in Johnson County. However, these mosquito pools are an indicator that the virus is in our community.

“Johnson County residents should continue to protect themselves against mosquitos. This is an important reminder for everyone to remove standing water around our homes and workplaces to prevent mosquito breeding and protect ourselves and our families from mosquito bites,” said Dr. Jefferson Quall, Health Officer, Johnson County Health Department.

Here are some simple tips to help protect individuals from mosquito bites:

- Use insect repellants that contain DEET, Icaridin, or other approved ingredients on clothing as well as exposed skin. Always read and follow label directions.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants, and a hat when outdoors. Light colored clothing is best as mosquitos tend to be attracted to dark colors.
- Limit the time you spend outdoors at dawn and dusk, when mosquitos are most active.
- Remove any standing water in places such as bird baths, buckets, old tires, pet water dishes, and gutters around your property.
- Make sure that all door and window screens fit securely and are free of holes.

The Johnson County Health Department (JCHD) along with the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH), will continue to monitor for WNV activity. The 2025 larviciding program will continue throughout the summer season, along with the investigation of standing water complaints with local partners and the distribution of educational materials. For more information on WNV, please visit www.co.johnson.in.us or call (317) 346-4365.