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PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Mosquito control in the Fort Fetter area of Hollidaysburg Borough and Blair Township to reduce West Nile Virus Risk.

The Blair County Mosquito-Borne Disease Control Program will be conducting a truck-mounted ultra-low volume (ULV) mosquito control operation in the Fort Fetter area of Blair Township and Hollidaysburg Borough to reduce populations of nuisance mosquitoes and mosquitoes capable of transmitting West Nile Virus on Thursday July 10, 2025.

This control work will begin around dusk. Signs will be posted the day of the control event to inform local residents.

Areas include but are not limited to: Fort Fetter and Hollidaysburg Borough.

High populations of nuisance mosquitoes have been found in these areas. Other areas within close proximity may also be treated.

Weather conditions and other unexpected events could delay or cancel the spray operations. If these operations are cancelled, they will be rescheduled for Friday July 11, 2025.

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

The product being used for this operation is Biomist 3+15 ULV at a rate of 0.75oz/acre.

The product label for this product can be found at <https://www.clarke.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/biomist315.pdf>

For more information contact the Blair County Emergency Management Agency at (814) 940-5905 or EMA@blairco.org

Additional information about Blair County's Mosquito-Borne Disease Control program is also available at <https://www.blairco.org/departments/emergency-management/mbdc>

Information regarding PA DEP's West Nile Virus Control Program is available at <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dep/programs-and-services/integration/vector-management/mosquitoes.html>