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DGHD TO CONDUCT MOSQUITO FOGGING IN OSTRANDER AREA

DELAWARE, Oh. – The Delaware General Health District is informing residents in the Ostrander area about the prevention of mosquito-borne disease after a resident was hospitalized with symptoms of La Crosse Encephalitis.

DGHD registered sanitarians along with public health nurses will be going door-to-door July 31 informing those who live in the Ostrander area about the signs and symptoms of mosquito-borne diseases along with ways to prevent mosquito breeding and bites. In addition, crews will be assessing the areas where there is standing water and placing in larvicide if needed.

The Health District's Residential Services Unit will also be in the area fogging on Thursday Aug. 1, 2013 weather permitting. A weather backup day is scheduled for Friday Aug. 2, 2013. Fog is sprayed starting around 9 p.m. from marked Health District pickup trucks. Residents should bring children and pets indoors while fogging is being conducted.

Any resident who does not want their property sprayed is asked to call the Health District at 740-368-1700 and request to be placed on the no-fog list.

Updated fogging plans will be announced on www.delawarehealth.org and the Health District's Facebook page.

All residents are urged to protect themselves from mosquito bites. The most effective prevention is to eliminate standing water where mosquitoes can breed. Make sure your property is free of stagnant water in flower pots, bird baths, tarps, gutters and other places where it can collect. Avoid going outdoors in the morning and the evening when mosquitoes are most active. If you do go out, wear light-colored, long-sleeved clothing and apply mosquito repellent that contains DEET or Picaridin.