



**NORTHERN KENTUCKY**  
INDEPENDENT DISTRICT  
**HEALTH DEPARTMENT**



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Mayor Jim Wells  
31 Broadway Street  
Dry Ridge, KY 41035

Dear Mayor Wells,

As we enter the warm summer months, mosquito activity in Northern Kentucky will soon be increasing. After our mild winter and the wet spring, we anticipate a considerable population of mosquitoes this season.

Mosquitoes are more than a nuisance. They are a public health concern because they can transmit a variety of diseases including West Nile virus, dengue fever, chikungunya and Zika virus.

You will be receiving a letter from the Kentucky Department for Public Health regarding the Zika virus. It outlines their response strategies to address the possible transmission of Zika from infected humans to Kentucky mosquitoes which could potentially infect additional Kentuckians. Zika has been linked to serious health concerns in pregnant women and their babies.

In Northern Kentucky, we are taking a more measured approach to help reduce mosquito-borne diseases. These strategies include the following:

- Educating the public about ways to proactively reduce exposure to mosquito bites both at home and when traveling.
- Applying mosquito larvicide to targeted breeding sites to reduce the mosquito population.
- Trapping and testing of mosquitoes to conduct surveillance of species and monitor for the presence of diseases in our local population.
- Investigating potential human cases of mosquito-borne diseases and recommending any necessary actions to prevent transmission.

We are continuously monitoring conditions and will adjust our strategies as needed to protect the residents of Northern Kentucky from these health threats.

We are asking for your continued support in efforts to reduce the risk of mosquito-borne diseases.

Respectfully,

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