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Huron County Health Department was notified that APM Mosquito Control identified 1 mosquito pool that tested positive for West Nile Virus in Sebawaing Township.

APM Mosquito Control indicated that continued surveillance, testing and all control efforts with an extra focus on positive pool areas will continue. Although the risk of mosquito-borne virus infections remains low, precautions should still be taken to reduce mosquito exposure.

While there have been no human cases of West Nile Virus in Huron County the best way to protect yourself and your family from mosquito bites include:

- Avoid being outdoors when mosquitoes are most active especially between dusk and dawn.
- Apply mosquito repellent that contains DEET, picaridin or other EPA approved products according to label instructions. Consult your physician prior to using repellents on infants
- Wear light-colored pants and long sleeves when outdoors and consider applying repellents to clothing
- Ensure windows and doors have tight fitting screens in good condition. Keep doors and window closed especially at night
- Eliminate standing water around your home that can serve as a breeding site for mosquitoes, such as water in buckets, wading ponds, old tires and any other container that can hold water.

For more information on West Nile Virus visit: <https://www.michigan.gov/emergingdiseases/home/west-nile>