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Kewaunee County Urges Residents to “Fight the Bite” This Summer

KEWAUNEE, WI – “Fight the Bite” is the message being shared by the Kewaunee County Public Health Department as part of a statewide campaign designed to educate Wisconsin residents on how to best protect themselves from disease and viruses spread by ticks and mosquitoes.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), which is spearheading the effort, stresses that the biggest concerns of these pests are Lyme disease and West Nile virus. According to DHS, 3,105 cases of Lyme disease were reported in Wisconsin during 2018 as were 33 human cases of West Nile virus. DHS is also reminding residents that a sign of West Nile virus can be a sick or dead bird, so they are asking people to report this activity to the state by calling 800-433-1610.

“There are measures that we can take to lessen the risk of bites. When headed outdoors, use insect repellent with DEET, wear light colored clothing, long sleeves and pants if possible, and control mosquitoes in your yard by eliminating standing water,” says Cindy Kinnard, Director of the Kewaunee County Public Health Department. “The Kewaunee County Public Health Department is also distributing FREE “Fight the Bite” kits to the public this summer, just stop in at our office. The kits include, a tick identification guide, tweezers, alcohol swab, bandage and an OFF! Deep Woods Towelette.”

The Kewaunee County Public Health Department has also teamed up with the Kewaunee County Promotion & Recreation Department to hang up Lyme disease prevention signs at County parks and along the Ahnapee State Trail.

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