

Anderson Parks:

Use bug repellent

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Coaches, football and soccer players, and families who use Kellogg Park in Anderson Township are being advised to take extra precaution against West Nile [virus](#) because two mosquitoes at the park have tested positive for the virus.

In an e-mail that went out to at least 800 people Wednesday and in phone calls to heads of organizations that use the park and its football fields Anderson Park District officials reminded park users to use insect repellent, stay out of puddles and try to avoid the park after dark.

Park district officials said they are working with the Hamilton County Health Department to kill mosquitoes.

The park district is filling in puddles, using mosquito-killing tablets and offering mosquito repellent for sale at concession stands.

Park District officials pointed out that even in areas where West Nile is [discovered](#), humans' chances of getting the virus are slim.

Less than 1 percent of mosquitoes carry the virus and less than 1 percent of people who are bitten become seriously ill.

People over 50 and those with compromised immune systems are most at risk, park officials said. Officials warned that the virus can make people ill and even kill.

Jill Springman, whose husband is president of the Forest Hills Youth Football league, said they received the e-mail on Thursday night.

The Springmans are forwarding the e-mail on to other families in the league.

"That's all we know to do," Springman said.

He noted that much of the information about West Nile and reducing risk came from the health department.

"They're the experts," she said.