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PRESS RELEASE REGARDING MOSQUITOS ON MAINLAND

Mosquitos have become a huge nuisance to Hyde County since Hurricane Dorian, and as always, have the potential to cause health issues. Because we do not have a Mosquito Control Program on the Mainland, please implement the following measures for your protection:

- Wear long-sleeved shirts and pants
- Avoid being outside at dawn and dusk, when mosquitos are most active
- Use insect repellent that contains DEET or Picaridin following the repellent label directions. Do not apply on babies less than 2 months of age. Adults: Apply insect repellent to your hands then apply to children's faces.
- Remove standing water on your property when possible (bird baths, buckets, old tires, trash containers, flowerpots, etc.).

Ocracoke Islanders have their own Mosquito Control District funded by taxes paid by the Ocracoke property owners. This District was specially developed and entered General Statutes several years ago. Currently, any spraying Ocracoke receives is a result of this District.

Protect yourself and your families by doing your part, follow the above directions, and stay safe!

