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## Message from the President

Greetings OMVCA Members;

I hope you all have been doing well as we start to get back to normal and as the vector surveillance and control season begins.

I am excited to share this Spring 2022 OMVCA newsletter with all our members, we have some exciting news! Not only are we bringing back the free virtual Spring training, this year our annual OMVCA Conference will be in person in Columbus! The board members and myself can't wait to see all of you in person and be able to catch up after two very long years.

OMVCA is fortunate to have two new board members. Lecanne Garrett has been appointed to the Secretary position and Annie Bartosh has been appointed to a Member at Large position. We are honored to have them on the board as they both bring valuable expertise!

We would like to offer a big thanks to Dr. Rich Gary and to Greg Putka for their previous Board service and dedication to OMVCA. Please help us in thanking them!

Lastly, keep an eye on our website ([www.OhioMosquito.org](http://www.OhioMosquito.org)). We are looking to upgrade the website in the near future making it easier for our members to access online resources and potentially provide online registration for memberships and the annual conferences. More to come!

Please let the board members or me know if we can help you or what we can do to strengthen OMVCA. If anyone is interested in being involved with the OMVCA Board or helping plan the fall conference feel free to reach out to one of the current Board members.

Best regards,

Ryan T. Younge, REHS





## OMVCA Spring Training

OMVCA will be offering a free virtual training on May 4th. 2 REHS/EHSIT will be offered and 2 credits towards Commercial Applicator Licenses (category 10D) will be offered. Preregistration is required.

**Link to register:** [www.OhioMosquito.org](http://www.OhioMosquito.org)

### 2022 OMVCA Spring Training (virtual) | Wednesday May 4th, 2022 1pm-3:30pm

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#### **1:00pm-1:15pm Welcome**

*Instructions for event and reminders for OMVCA members*

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#### **1:15pm-1:45pm Vector Borne Disease Updates from OSU**

*Creating a regional community of practice and updates on the new Med Vet Entomology Services Lab*

Risa Pesapane, MS, PhD. Assistant Professor, Department of Veterinary Preventive Medicine and School of Environment and Natural Resource, Ohio State University

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#### **1:45pm-2:45pm State Vector Surveillance Update**

*Instructions and updates for participants in statewide mosquito surveillance program; results of state's tick surveillance efforts*

Leeanne Garrett, MPH-VPH. Public Health Entomologist, Ohio Department of Health Zoonotic Disease Program

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#### **2:45pm-3:15pm Treatment Efficacy and Insecticide Resistance Testing**

*Methods to measure and monitor the efficacy of pesticide applications; including helpful tips and tricks for the CDC Bottle Bioassay.*

Jennifer Shimola, PhD. Education & Research Coordinator, Toledo Area Sanitary District

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#### **3:15pm-3:30pm Questions & Closing Remarks**



Advanced registration required. Virtual attendance will be tracked via Zoom and through a few poll questions throughout the presentations. Order of presentations subject to change.



### Legislative Update

The current National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit has expired. However the current permit will administratively continue and remain in force and effect until the Ohio EPA issues a renewed permit. So if you were authorized to discharge under this permit prior to the expiration date you will automatically remain covered by the expired permit. A new permit should come under public comment at some point, but to my knowledge there has been no movement on a new permit.

### ODH Surveillance

#### Mosquito Surveillance

The Ohio Department of Health will again be providing mosquito identification and West Nile Virus testing this year. Mosquito traps, sample tubes, coolers, shipping labels and other supplies are available to surveillance partners free of charge. Mosquitoes can be submitted starting on May 16th. Detailed instructions will be emailed to all local surveillance agencies.

Weekly surveillance updates will be posted at <https://odh.ohio.gov/vectorupdate>.

#### Tick Surveillance

ODH also accepts ticks year-round for species identification (the CDC does not recommend testing host-fed ticks for disease and ODH does not offer this service). Updated submission forms are available, as well as sample tubes and padded envelopes for shipping. Local agencies are encouraged to conduct active tick collections within their jurisdiction.

If interested, please contact Leanne Garrett at [Leanne.Garrett@odh.ohio.gov](mailto:Leanne.Garrett@odh.ohio.gov).

### Save the Date

This year, the OMVCA Annual Conference will be held in Columbus at the Renaissance Columbus Westerville-Polaris Hotel. The conference agenda, registration details and room rates will be shared in the near future. We hope to see you there!

**Monday, October 24, 2022 – Tuesday, October 25, 2022**

**COLUMBUS**  
**October**  
**24–25, 2022**

