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Ground Spraying Scheduled in Response to Positive West Nile Virus Mosquito Trap

September 11, 2017 - Denton County Public Health (DCPH) is reporting a positive West Nile Virus (WNV) mosquito trap located in unincorporated Denton County southeast of Northlake.

DCPH will conduct truck-based ground spraying in the area located near the positive WNV mosquito trap beginning Wednesday, September 13, 2017. The ground spraying schedule is as follows, weather permitting:

- Wednesday, September 13 between the hours of 9pm and 5am
- Thursday, September 14 between the hours of 9pm and 5am
- Friday, September 15 between the hours of 9pm and 5am

Detailed maps of the spray area can be found at www.dentoncounty.com/WNVnews. Residents in the affected area are being informed.

Dr. Matt Richardson, Director of Public Health stated, "We encourage residents to actively participate in protecting themselves against mosquitoes through adherence to recommended precautions, including eliminating standing water near their homes, utilizing EPA-approved repellent, and limiting skin exposure when outdoors."

Residents should take the following steps to minimize risk of contracting WNV:

- **Drain** standing water around your home, such as bird baths or pet dishes. Consider the use of BTI briquettes (or mosquito dunks) in standing water that cannot be eliminated.
- Be aware of mosquitos during active times **between dusk and dawn**.
- **Defend** yourself by using insect repellent that contains DEET, Picaridin, or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus when outdoors. Use as directed on label instructions.
- **Dress** in long-sleeves, pants, and socks when outside to reduce skin exposure.

Please visit the DCPH West Nile Virus website at www.dentoncounty.com/WNV for additional information including resources listing common backyard mosquito sources, frequently asked questions, and the latest local news.

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