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Denton County Reports West Nile Virus Case in Little Elm

September 19, 2017 – Denton County Public Health (DCPH) is reporting its eighth human case of West Nile Virus (WNV) for 2017 in Denton County. The resident lives in Little Elm and was diagnosed with West Nile Neuroinvasive Disease. To protect patient confidentiality, no further personal information will be released.

Juan Rodriguez, Assistant Director and Chief Epidemiologist with DCPH, recommends that residents take an active role in protecting themselves against mosquitoes. “While not every mosquito carries the virus, West Nile illness is present in Denton County,” he states. “We encourage residents to adhere to the recommended precautions to minimize risk, including utilizing EPA-approved repellent and dressing in clothing that limits 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 mosquitoes 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 repellent 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 frequently asked questions, the latest news, and facts about WNV.

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