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Ground Spraying Scheduled in Paloma Creek South

September 26, 2017 - Denton County Public Health (DCPH) is reporting a positive West Nile Virus (WNV) mosquito trap located in the central and eastern portion of Paloma Creek South within unincorporated Denton County.

DCPH will conduct truck-based ground spraying in the area located near the positive WNV mosquito trap beginning Thursday, September 28, 2017. The ground spraying schedule is as follows, weather permitting:

- Thursday, September 28 between the hours of 9pm and 5am
- Friday, September 29 between the hours of 9pm and 5am
- Saturday, September 30 between the hours of 9pm and 5am

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

Juan Rodriguez, Assistant Director and Chief Epidemiologist stated, "While the DCPH team is actively striving to minimize residents' risk of contracting West Nile Virus through methods including ground spraying, we encourage residents to take the proper precautions to further protect themselves from mosquitoes."

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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