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Denton County reports Second West Nile Virus Case

August 16, 2017 – Denton County Public Health (DCPH) is reporting its second human case of West Nile Virus (WNV) for 2017 in Denton County. The resident lives in unincorporated Denton County east of Lewisville and was diagnosed with West Nile Fever.

Juan Rodriguez, Assistant Director and Chief Epidemiologist at DCPH, urges residents to take a proactive approach to minimizing exposure to mosquitos. “It is important for residents to adhere to recommended precautions. We encourage residents to drain standing water surrounding their homes, wear clothing that limits skin exposure, and utilize EPA-approved repellent when outdoors,” he states.

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 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 resources surrounding common backyard mosquito sources.

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