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Ground Spraying Scheduled in Response to Three Positive West Nile Virus Mosquito Traps

August 29, 2017 - Denton County Public Health (DCPH) is reporting three positive West Nile Virus (WNV) mosquito traps in unincorporated Denton County. The positive mosquito traps are located in the following unincorporated areas: northeast of Argyle, south of Bolivar and north of Bolivar.

DCPH will conduct truck-based ground spraying in the area located near the positive WNV mosquito traps beginning Wednesday, August 30, 2017. The ground spraying schedule is as follows, weather permitting:

- Wednesday, August 30 between the hours of 9pm and 5am
- Thursday, August 31 between the hours of 9pm and 5am
- Friday, September 1 between the hours of 9pm and 5am

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

Juan Rodriguez, Assistant Director and Chief Epidemiologist at DCPH, encourages residents to be aware of and adhere to recommended precautions to minimize risk. He stated "It is important that residents take a proactive approach to protect themselves, including utilizing EPA-approved repellent and dressing in clothing that limits skin exposure."

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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