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Denton County reports Two West Nile Virus Cases

August 29, 2017 – Denton County Public Health (DCPH) is reporting its fourth and fifth human cases of West Nile Virus (WNV) for 2017 in Denton County. One resident lives in Frisco and was diagnosed with West Nile Neuroinvasive Disease. One resident lives in Flower Mound and was diagnosed with West Nile Fever.

Dr. Matt Richardson, DCPH Director, urges Denton County residents to adhere to precautions to minimize risk of contracting WNV. He stated, “We encourage residents to eliminate common mosquito sources around their homes and be especially mindful of limiting exposure during active times between dusk and dawn.”

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 facts about WNV.

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