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Ground Spraying Scheduled in Response to Positive West Nile Virus Mosquito Trap

August 29, 2017 - Denton County Public Health (DCPH) is reporting a positive West Nile Virus (WNV) mosquito trap located in the Lantana community of unincorporated Denton County.

DCPH will conduct truck-based ground spraying in the area located near the positive WNV mosquito trap 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

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 at DCPH stated, "While the Denton County Public Health team is taking an active role to minimize resident's risk of exposure through ground spraying, we recommend that residents continue to follow recommended precautions to further protect themselves."

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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