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**Denton County Reports Sixth West Nile Virus Case**

August 30, 2017 – Denton County Public Health (DCPH) is reporting its sixth human case of West Nile Virus (WNV) for 2017 in Denton County. The resident lives in Lewisville and was diagnosed with West Nile Fever.

Juan Rodriguez, DCPH Assistant Director and Chief Epidemiologist, encourages residents to remain vigilant about adhering to recommended precautions to defend themselves against mosquitos. “As we continue to identify mosquito traps positive for West Nile Virus, we strongly encourage residents to eliminate common mosquito sources around their homes 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](http://www.dentoncounty.com/WNV) for additional information including frequently asked questions, the latest news, and facts about WNV.

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