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Denton County reports Two Positive West Nile Virus Mosquito Traps

August 1, 2017 - Denton County Public Health (DCPH) is reporting two positive West Nile Virus (WNV) mosquito traps located in unincorporated Denton County. One positive trap is located west of Frisco, and one positive trap is located west of Little Elm, near Sleepy Hollow Trail.

DCPH will conduct truck-based ground spraying in the area located near the positive WNV mosquito traps beginning Tuesday, August 1, 2017. The ground spraying schedule is as follows, weather permitting:

- Tuesday, August 1 between the hours of 9pm and 5am
- Wednesday, August 2 between the hours of 9pm and 5am
- Thursday, August 3 between the hours of 9pm and 5am

A detailed map 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 stated, "While the DCPH team is taking an active role including ground spraying of the affected areas, we encourage residents to take the proper precautions to further minimize risk."

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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