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Denton County reports Two Positive West Nile Virus Mosquito Traps

August 4, 2017 - Denton County Public Health (DCPH) is reporting two positive West Nile Virus (WNV) mosquito traps 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 traps beginning Saturday, August 5, 2017. The ground spraying schedule is as follows, weather permitting:

- Saturday, August 5 between the hours of 9pm and 5am
- Sunday, August 6 between the hours of 9pm and 5am
- Monday, August 7 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 stated, "We encourage Denton County residents to minimize their risk of exposure by eliminating potential mosquito sources around their homes and utilizing EPA-approved repellent."

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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