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Ground Spraying Scheduled in response to Two Positive West Nile Virus Mosquito Traps

August 9, 2017 - Denton County Public Health (DCPH) is reporting two positive West Nile Virus (WNV) mosquito traps in unincorporated Denton County. One positive trap is located near the Paloma Creek community, south of U.S. Highway 380 East. One positive trap is located southwest of Krugerville.

DCPH will conduct truck-based ground spraying in the area located near the positive WNV mosquito traps beginning Thursday, August 10, 2017. The ground spraying schedule is as follows, weather permitting:

- Thursday, August 10 between the hours of 9pm and 5am
- Friday, August 11 between the hours of 9pm and 5am
- Saturday, August 12 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.

“We encourage Denton County residents to remain vigilant in adhering to recommended precautions to reduce exposure to mosquitos, including dressing in clothing that minimizes skin exposure and utilizing EPA-approved repellent,” stated DCPH Director, Dr. Matt Richardson.

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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