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**Ground Spraying Scheduled in response to Positive West Nile Virus Mosquito Trap**

August 15, 2017 - Denton County Public Health (DCPH) is reporting a positive West Nile Virus (WNV) mosquito trap in unincorporated Denton County west of Frisco.

DCPH will conduct truck-based ground spraying in the area located near the positive WNV mosquito trap beginning Wednesday, August 16, 2017. The ground spraying schedule is as follows, weather permitting:

- Wednesday, August 16 between the hours of 9pm and 5am
- Thursday, August 17 between the hours of 9pm and 5am
- Friday, August 18 between the hours of 9pm and 5am

A detailed map of the spray area can be found at [www.dentoncounty.com/WNVnews](http://www.dentoncounty.com/WNVnews). Residents in the affected area are being informed.

DCPH Director, Dr. Matt Richardson encourages residents to continue to take a proactive approach to combating mosquitos. "We recommend that Denton County residents continue to adhere to precautions that minimize risk of exposure, including utilizing EPA-approved repellent and eliminating standing water around their homes," Dr. Richardson 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 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 information on what you can do to control mosquitos around your home, frequently asked questions, and the latest local news.

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