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**Denton County reports Positive West Nile Virus Mosquito Trap**

June 28, 2017 - Denton County Public Health (DCPH) is reporting a positive West Nile Virus (WNV) mosquito trap located in unincorporated Denton County west of Frisco, south of Hackberry.

DCPH will conduct ground spraying in the area located near the positive WNV mosquito trap beginning Thursday, June 29, 2017. The ground spraying schedule is as follows, weather permitting:

- Thursday, June 29 between the hours of 9pm and 5am
- Friday, June 30 between the hours of 9pm and 5am
- Saturday, July 1 between the hours of 9pm and 5am

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

Dr. Matt Richardson, Director of DCPH, relays residents can play an active role in reducing risk of exposure. Dr. Richardson states, "Community members' wellness is our priority. While the DCPH team is taking an active role in spraying the affected area, residents can take recommended precautions to limit their 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. To maximize repellent effectiveness, 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 resources listing common backyard mosquito sources, frequently asked questions, and local information.

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