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

July 25, 2017 - Denton County Public Health (DCPH) is reporting a positive West Nile Virus (WNV) mosquito trap located 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, July 26, 2017. The ground spraying schedule is as follows, weather permitting:

- Wednesday, July 26 between the hours of 9pm and 5am
- Thursday, July 27 between the hours of 9pm and 5am
- Friday, July 28 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 "Denton County residents can play an active role in reducing risk of exposure. We strongly encourage residents to take proper precautions when outdoors, including utilizing EPA-approved repellent and dressing in clothing that reduces skin exposure."

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 resources listing common backyard mosquito sources, frequently asked questions, and the latest local news.

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