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**Ground Spraying Scheduled in Response to Positive West Nile Virus Mosquito Traps**

October 10, 2017 - Denton County Public Health (DCPH) is reporting two positive West Nile Virus (WNV) mosquito traps located in unincorporated Denton County. One positive trap is located southeast of Northlake, and one positive trap is located north of Denton near Stuart Road.

DCPH will conduct truck-based ground spraying in the area located near the positive WNV mosquito traps beginning Wednesday, October 11, 2017. The ground spraying schedule is as follows, weather permitting:

- Wednesday, October 11 between the hours of 9pm and 5am
- Thursday, October 12 between the hours of 9pm and 5am
- Friday, October 13 between the hours of 9pm and 5am

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

Dr. Matt Richardson, Director of Public Health stated, "We encourage residents to actively participate in protecting themselves against mosquitoes through adherence to recommended precautions, including eliminating standing water near their homes, utilizing EPA-approved repellent and limiting skin exposure when outdoors."

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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