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Denton County Schedules Ground Spraying in Response to Positive WNV Mosquito Trap

November 6, 2018 – Denton County Public Health (DCPH) is reporting one positive West Nile Virus (WNV) mosquito trap in an unincorporated area of Denton County, southeast of Lewisville, in western portions of Castle Hills.

DCPH will conduct truck-based ground spraying in the area near the positive WNV mosquito trap beginning Wednesday, November 7, 2018. The ground spraying schedule is as follows, weather permitting:

- Wednesday, November 7, 2018 between the hours of 9pm and 5am
- Thursday, November 8, 2018 between the hours of 9pm and 5am
- Friday, November 9, 2018 between the hours of 9pm and 5am

A detailed map of the spray area is located at www.dentoncounty.com/WNVnews. Residents in the affected area are being informed.

“While the weather is cooling down, mosquitoes still remain a threat to community health,” stated Juan Rodriguez, Assistant Director and Chief Epidemiologist at DCPH. “Residents in Denton County should remain attentive of possible mosquito breeding sites and continue to utilize bug spray when spending time outdoors.”

DCPH advises residents to take the following steps to minimize risk of contracting WNV:

- Drain standing water in your yard and neighborhood to minimize mosquito breeding sites such as bird baths, flowerpots, and clogged rain gutters. Consider the use of BTI briquettes, often called mosquito dunks, in standing water that cannot be eliminated.
- Dress in long sleeves and pants when you are outside and spray thin clothing with repellent.
- Defend yourself by using EPA approved repellent. Check for ingredients like DEET, Picaridin, or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus.

Please visit the DCPH West Nile Virus website at www.dentoncounty.com/WNV for additional information including mosquito maps, latest news, and facts about WNV.

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