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Denton County Reports Second West Nile Virus Human Case

November 6, 2018 – Denton County Public Health (DCPH) is reporting the second human case of West Nile Virus (WNV) in Denton County this year. The resident lives in Flower Mound and was diagnosed with West Nile Neuroinvasive Disease. To protect patient confidentiality, no further personal information will be released.

“Another case of West Nile Neuroinvasive Disease in Denton County reminds us to be mindful that the threat of mosquito-borne illness remains,” states Juan Rodriguez, DCPH Assistant Director and Chief Epidemiologist. “We want to continue to encourage residents to protect themselves against mosquito bites during the long West Nile Virus season.”

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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