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DCHHS confirms mosquito samples test positive for West Nile Virus

[Ground Spraying Scheduled in Glenn Heights, Cedar Hill and Duncanville](#)

DALLAS (October 3, 2018) – Dallas County Health and Human Services' (DCHHS) laboratory-confirmed mosquito samples have tested positive for West Nile virus. The mosquito traps were collected from the 75154, 75104, 75137, and 75116 zip codes of Glenn Heights, Cedar Hill and Duncanville.

In conjunction with Dallas County municipalities, mosquito abatement teams are responding by treating impacted areas. DCHHS has scheduled ground spraying in the below areas, weather permitting:

The schedule for spraying is as follows:

Glenn Heights:

Wednesday, October 3rd, 9:00 pm to 5:00 am

Thursday, October 4th, 9:00 pm to 5:00 am

Cedar Hill:

Thursday, October 4th, 9:00 pm to 5:00 am

Friday, October 5th, 9:00 pm to 5:00 am

Duncanville:

Thursday, October 4th, 9:00 pm to 5:00 am

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Residents should remain inside during the time sprayers are in the area. Spraying will not be conducted in the event of wind speeds more than 10 mph or inclement weather. A detailed map of the spray area can be viewed at <https://dallas.leateamapps.com/PublicMap/>

Residents should use the 4Ds to reduce exposure to mosquitoes:

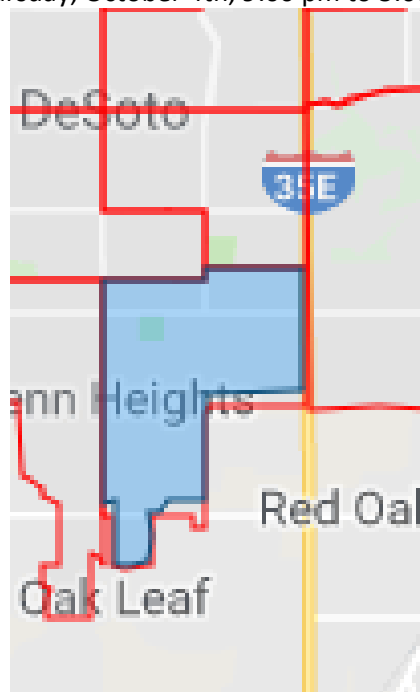
- **DEET All Day, Every Day:** Whenever you're outside, use insect repellents that contain DEET or other EPA approved repellents and follow instructions.
- **Dress:** Wear long, loose, and light-colored clothing outside.
- **Drain:** Drain or treat all standing water in and around your home or workplace.
- **Dusk & Dawn:** Limit outdoor activities during dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active.

DCHHS encourages residents in affected areas to be a part of the solution by eliminating insect breeding areas and larvae before mosquitoes reach the airborne stage. Standing water can be treated with EPA-approved larvicides that are available for retail purchase. Larvicides are products used to kill immature mosquitoes before they become adults. Larvicides are applied directly to water sources that hold mosquito eggs, larvae, or pupae. When used well, larvicides can help reduce the overall mosquito burden by limiting the number of mosquitoes that are produced, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. DCHHS has information regarding [mosquito prevention](#) on its website.

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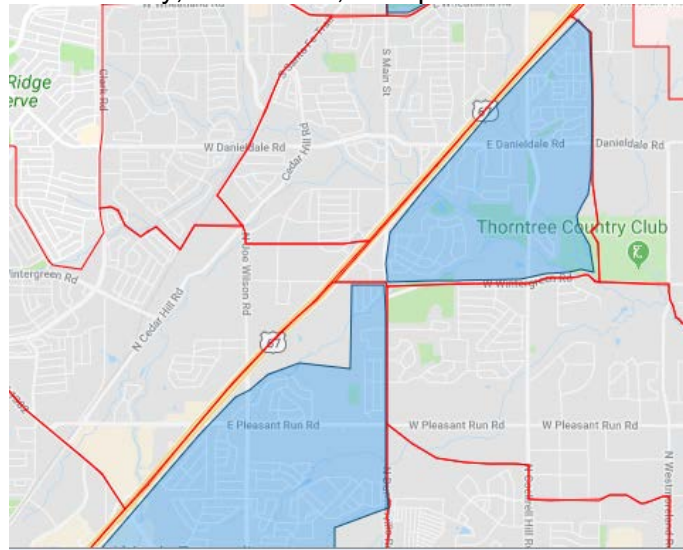
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