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DCHHS confirms mosquito samples test positive for West Nile virus

Ground Spraying Scheduled in Seagoville

DALLAS (May 30, 2019) – Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) laboratory confirmed mosquito samples have tested positive for West Nile virus this week. The mosquito traps were collected from the zip codes of 75006 (Carrollton) and 75159 (Seagoville).

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

<u>Seagoville</u>

Thursday, May 30 from 9 pm to 5 am Friday, May 31 from 9 pm to 5 am

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 http://www.dallas.leateamapps.com/PublicMap/

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

- **DEET All day, Every day**: Whenever outside, use insect repellents that have the active ingredient DEET or other EPA-registered repellents and always follow label instructions.
- **Dress**: Wear long, loose, and light-colored clothing outside.
- **Drain**: Drain or treat all standing water in and around your home or workplace where mosquitoes could lay eggs.
- All Day long: Day, Dawn and Dusk Limit your time outdoors mosquitos are active anytime day or night.

DCHHS encourages residents in affected arease to be a port of the solution by eliminating insect breeding areas and larvae before mosquitoes reach the airborne stage. Standing water can be treated with EPA-registered 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 consistently, 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 (CDC).

For more information visit our website https://www.dallascounty.org/departments/dchhs/westnile.php



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