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DCHHS confirms mosquito samples test positive for West Nile virus *Ground Spraying Scheduled in Balch Springs and Rowlett*

DALLAS (Oct. 13, 2020) – 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 zip codes of Balch Springs (75180), Irving (75063), Richardson (75080) and Rowlett (75089).

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

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/>

"Despite the cooler weather, Dallas County continues to have mosquitos testing positive for West Nile virus. It is very important to follow the four D's to protect yourself from mosquitos that carry West Nile virus", said Dr. Philip Huang, Director of DCHHS.

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, Dusk and Dawn - Limit your time outdoors mosquitos are active anytime day or night.

To date, DCHHS has reported 18 cases of West Nile disease, 5 of which resulted in death. Residents in affected areas should be part of the solution by eliminating insect breeding areas and larvae before they develop into adult, flying mosquitoes. Standing water can be treated with EPA-approved larvicides that are available for retail purchase.



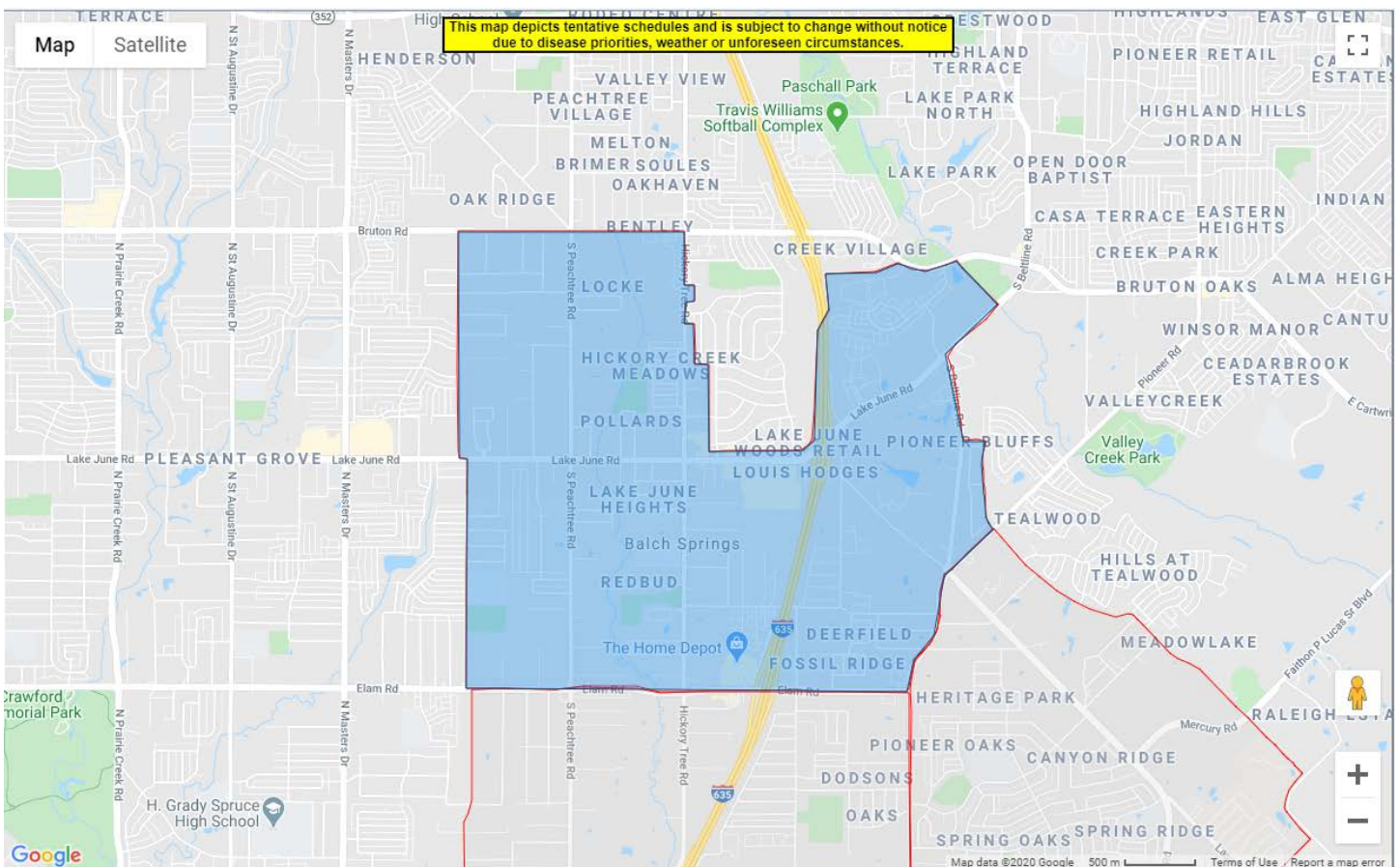
Larvicides are products used to kill immature mosquitoes before they become adults. Larvicides are applied directly to water sources that hold mosquito eggs, larvae or pupae. When used consistently, larvicides can help reduce the overall mosquito burden by limiting the number of mosquitoes that are produced, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

For more information visit our website

<https://www.dallascounty.org/departments/dchhs/westnile.php>

Balch Springs

Tuesday, October 13th, 9:00 pm - 5:00 am
Wednesday, October 14th, 9:00 pm - 5:00 am





Rowlett

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