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DCHHS Confirms Mosquito Samples Test Positive for West Nile Virus

Ground Spraying Scheduled in DeSoto

DALLAS (August 25, 2021) – Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) laboratory confirmed mosquito samples have tested positive for West Nile Virus. The mosquito samples were collected from the 75115 zip code of DeSoto, TX. 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. Click in the link to view a map of the spraying area: <http://www.dallas.leateamapps.com/PublicMap/>

“West Nile Virus positive cases are on the rise in our community. We must be proactive to prevent mosquito bites by following the four Ds: Deet, Dress, Drain, and Dusk to Dawn”, said Dr. Philip Huang, Director of DCHHS.

- **DEET:** 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.
- **DUSK to DAWN:** Limit your time outdoors during dusk to 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 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>

