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DCHHS Confirms Mosquito Samples Test Positive for West Nile Virus

[Ground Spraying Scheduled in Balch Springs & Sachse](#)

DALLAS (October 18, 2022) – The Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) laboratory has confirmed mosquito samples that have tested positive for West Nile Virus. The mosquito samples were collected from the 75180 zip code in Balch Springs, TX, and 75048 in Sachse, 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 on the link to view a map of the spraying areas: <http://www.dallas.leateamapps.com/PublicMap/>

“Mosquito activity is still high, and we need to continue to protect ourselves from mosquito bites that cause West Nile Infection. It’s starting to get cooler, and I’m hoping the mosquito activity slows down soon. Follow the four Ds to avoid mosquito bites: 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 from 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 an 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-watch-22.php>

