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DCHHS Reports the Second West Nile Virus Human Case in Dallas

Dallas (July 25, 2024) – Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) reports the second West Nile Virus (WNV) human case in Dallas for the 2024 season. The patient is a male resident of the City of Dallas in the 75230 zip code diagnosed with West Nile Non-Neuroinvasive Disease (WNNND). Due to patient confidentiality, DCHHS does not disclose patient information.

This makes a total of four cases in Dallas County, including another resident from the 75230-zip code and two cases reported by the Garland Public Health Department.

We urge residents to be cautious after confirming the fourth West Nile Virus case of the season in Dallas County, particularly given the elevated mosquito activity we've seen this year," said Dr. Philip Huang, DCHHS Director. "Protecting public health is our top priority, and we urge residents to take precautions to prevent mosquito bites."

- **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.

WNV is a disease that is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito. Mosquitoes can become infected when they feed on the blood of infected birds. The infected mosquitoes can then transmit WNV to humans and animals. Severe WNV infections can cause neurologic complications such as encephalitis. Milder symptoms include fever, headache, and muscle aches. There is no vaccine or specific treatment for WNV. For more information, visit our website: <https://www.dallascounty.org/departments/dchhs/communicable-diseases/west-nile-virus.php>

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