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## **First possible case of West Nile fever reported this season**

*North Dallas man exhibits symptoms, City to collect mosquitoes in the affected area*

**May 8, 2006 (DALLAS)** – The 2006 mosquito season’s first potential case of West Nile fever was reported by the Dallas County Health and Human Services today. A Dallas man may have contracted West Nile fever in early April. If verified, it appears that the disease was contracted in a location near the intersection of Keller Springs Road and Dallas North Tollway in the 75248 ZIP code.

City staff is checking for standing water and mosquito breeding in the area. Since the symptoms of the disease have been present for approximately a month, mosquito collections are being conducted in the area to determine if adulticiding (spraying) is appropriate.

Dallas residents are urged to take precautions against mosquito bites by reducing outdoor activity during evening and nighttime hours. Residents who are going outside during these times should cover their arms and legs and use a mosquito repellent.

It is essential that residents eliminate standing water to prevent mosquito breeding and the spread of West Nile Virus. Standing water can be found in swimming pools that are not kept clean, stagnant puddles, pet watering dishes, birdbaths, potted plants, old tires, empty containers, toys and clogged rain gutters. To report standing water or mosquito problems Dallas residents should call 311.

For additional information about Mosquito Control, visit the City’s website at [www.dallascityhall.com](http://www.dallascityhall.com).

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