

Second human case of West Nile virus prompts spraying near Fair Park

Mosquito collections positive for West Nile Virus now total 28 in the City

Dallas – A second human case of West Nile virus caused disease has been reported in Dallas. The case in the 75226 ZIP code was reported on July 18, 2006, by Dallas County.

Responding to this case, mosquito control spraying is scheduled to begin Monday night, July 24, 2006, after 10:30 p.m. and will conclude prior to 6 a.m. on Tuesday, July 25, 2006. Dry weather and winds below 10 miles per hour are required for effective spraying.

Spray Area (Map Attached)

The area to be sprayed is bounded by Julius Schepps Freeway (I-45), east R.L. Thornton Freeway (I-30), 2nd Avenue, Robert B. Cullum Boulevard, Grand Avenue, and Good Latimer Expressway to its junction with Schepps Freeway (I-45).

Residents in the above area should avoid contact with the spray by staying indoors. Persons inside a vehicle while trucks are actively spraying should remain in their vehicles with the windows up and the air conditioner on until the trucks pass and the spray is no longer visible. Persons out when spraying is to take place should be alert for trucks and should not follow them. If contacted by the spray, wash the affected area thoroughly with soap and water. The spray breaks down quickly in the presence of sunlight and has no residual effect. Fish ponds should also be protected.

Protection against mosquito bites

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

Prevent mosquito breeding

Residents should eliminate standing water to prevent mosquito breeding and the spread of West Nile Virus. Breeding places for mosquitoes include swimming pools that are not kept clean, stagnant ponds, pet watering dishes, birdbaths, potted plants, old tires, empty containers, toys and clogged rain gutters. Standing water should be eliminated promptly, as mosquitoes can grow from egg to adult in as little as seven days. To report standing water or mosquito problems Dallas residents should call 3-1-1. For additional information on Mosquito Control, visit the City's website at www.dallascityhall.com.