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City to spray for West Nile Virus in north and south Dallas areas

Human cases of West Nile disease in Dallas total 43

Mosquito collections positive for West Nile Virus now total 62 in the City

Dallas – Responding to West Nile disease, City of Dallas mosquito control crews will spray Fair Park and Preston Hollow areas.

Spraying is scheduled for Wednesday night, September 13, 2006 after 10:30 p.m. and will conclude prior to 6 a.m. Thursday morning September 14, 2006 in the following areas.

Control Area 1: The area to be sprayed is bounded by Scyene Road, White Rock Creek, Second Avenue South, Union Pacific Rail Road, Malcolm X Boulevard, Pine Street, Electra Street and Spring Avenue.

Control Area 2: The area to be sprayed is bounded by Northwest Highway west, Edgemere Road, Stefani Drive and Boedecker Street.

The following area is scheduled for spraying on Thursday night September 14, 2006 after 10:30 p.m. and will conclude prior to 6 a.m. Friday morning September 15, 2006.

Control Area 3: The target area is bounded by Spring Valley Road, TI Boulevard, Sherman Street, DART rail and LBJ Freeway.

The following area is scheduled for spraying on Sunday night September 17, 2006 after 10:30 p.m. and will conclude prior to 6 a.m. Monday morning September 18, 2006.

Control Area 4: The target area is bounded by Walnut Street, Kansas City Southern Railroad, Forest Lane, LBJ Freeway and Abrams Road.

Residents in the above area should avoid contact with the spray by staying indoors. Persons in a vehicle when 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.

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 dallascityhall.com/html/mosq_latest_updates.html.