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

Human cases of West Nile disease in Dallas total 46

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 areas in north and east Dallas.

Spraying is scheduled for Tuesday night, September 19, 2006 after 10:30 p.m. and will conclude prior to 6 a.m. Wednesday morning September 20, 2006 in the following areas.

Control Area 1: The area to be sprayed is bounded by Forest Lane, Hillcrest Road, Royal Lane, Edgemere Road and Orchid Lane.

Control Area 2: The area to be sprayed is bounded by Belmont Avenue, Abrams Road, Junius Street, Fitzhugh Avenue, Fuqua Street, Henderson Avenue and Glencoe Street.

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

http://www.dallascityhall.com/html/mosq_latest_updates.html.