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Mosquitoes test positive for West Nile Virus

Dallas - The City of Dallas has found mosquitoes collected from the Oak Lawn area, 3400 block of Hawthorne Avenue; North Dallas, 6500 block of Stefani Drive; and in northwest Dallas in the 11200 block of Dennis Road to be positive for West Nile virus. Additional control measures of storm sewer spraying and additional larval control have been employed in each area.

Further mosquito collections are also being employed to determine if spraying for adult mosquitoes is necessary. City staff has also passed out flyers in the immediate areas notifying residents of the presence of the West Nile Virus.

Residents of the entire City of Dallas are urged to take precautions against mosquito bites. Use of a mosquito repellent is advised if citizens are outside in evening or nighttime hours. Long shirts and pants are also recommended if outdoors during these times. All residents are asked to check their property and neighborhoods for standing water. Standing water should be eliminated promptly as mosquitoes can grow from egg to adult in as little as seven days.

Standing water may be found in unused swimming pools, plant containers, toys, bird baths, and puddles resulting from leaks or over watering. To report standing water or mosquito problems Dallas residents should call 3-1-1. For additional information about Mosquito Control, visit the City's website at www.dallascityhall.com.

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Additional Mosquitoes test positive for West Nile Virus

Dallas - The City of Dallas has found two additional locations in the Pleasant Grove area where mosquitoes have tested positive for West Nile virus. The positive collections are now the fourth and fifth of the season indicating that West Nile Virus is or soon will be present in mosquitoes across the city.

The locations are in the 6300 block of Hodde Street and the 8800 block of Tonawanda Drive. Additional control measures of storm sewer spraying and larval control will be employed in each area. Additional mosquito collections will also be scheduled to determine if spraying for adult mosquitoes is necessary. City staff has also passed out flyers in the immediate areas notifying residents of the presence of the West Nile Virus.

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 going 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. Water that provides breeding places for mosquitoes can be found in 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.

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