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City records second human case of West Nile virus *Mosquito control scheduled around Beltline Road and Hillcrest Road intersection*

Dallas – Dallas has recorded its second human case of West Nile virus in the 2009 mosquito season. In response, City staff will spray to control adult mosquitoes in the area delineated below.

Mosquito control spraying is scheduled in the following area; weather permitting, spraying is scheduled to begin 10 p.m. Thursday August 27 and conclude at 3 a.m. Friday August 28, 2009.

Control Area: The area to be sprayed is within an area bounded by La Cosa Drive, Woodbriar Drive, Grayport Drive, Harvest Glen Drive, Beltline Road, Meadowcreek Drive, Meandering Way back to La Cosa Drive

While the insecticide is considered safe, residents in the above areas 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 during the scheduled spraying time should be alert for trucks and should not follow them. Residents who come in contact with the spray are advised to 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 be protected and pets should be brought inside during the spraying period.

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 & French drains. 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 www.dallascityhall.com.

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