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Third human case of West Nile disease recorded in city *Mosquito control scheduled*

Dallas – The City of Dallas has recorded the third human case of West Nile virus caused disease of the season. This person was confirmed with **neuroinvasive** disease caused by West Nile virus.

Weather permitting; the area delineated below is scheduled for mosquito control spraying to begin at 10 p.m. on Thursday, September 3 and conclude by 3 a.m. on Friday morning September 4.

Control Area; Northeast Dallas The area to be sprayed is within an area south of the DART Blue Line between Greenville Avenue and Abrams Road and north of Vanderbilt Avenue.

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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