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Two additional human cases of West Nile disease reported in Dallas

Mosquito control spraying scheduled for September 17

Dallas – Two new cases of the neuroinvasive disease attributed to the West Nile virus have been reported in the City of Dallas. An eighty-four year-old man and a seventy-six year-old woman both have underlying medical conditions.

Weather permitting mosquito control spraying is scheduled to begin at 10 p.m. Thursday, September 17 and end at 3 a.m. Friday, September 18 at the two areas delineated below.

Control Area 1; Northwest Dallas: The area to be sprayed is within an area bounded by Jubilee Trail, Webb Chapel Road, Forest Lane, Grissom Lane, Royal Lane, Brockbank Drive, Merrell Road and Marsh Lane back to Jubilee Trail.

Control Area 2; Northeast Dallas: This area is within an area bounded by Shiloh Road, Ferguson Road, Shiloh Road (south of Ferguson), Gus Thomasson Road, Mandalay Drive, Barnes Bridge Road, Cotillion Drive, Ruidosa Avenue, Kil Kirk Lane, and Rio Verde Way back to Shiloh Road.

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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