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Areas in Southeast and North Central Dallas to be sprayed for West Nile Virus; Mosquito pool in the area tested positive for the virus

Dallas – Areas in Southeast and North Central Dallas are scheduled for mosquito control spraying Wednesday and Thursday night. Mosquitoes infected with the West Nile virus were found in a southeast Dallas trap near 3400 Pondrom Street and a north central Dallas trap near 5700 Meletio Lane. Weather permitting, the area delineated below is scheduled for mosquito control spraying beginning at 10 p.m. Wednesday and concluding early Friday.

Control Areas: Southeast: The area to be sprayed is within an area bounded generally on the north by **Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.**, on the west by **Interstate Highway I-45**, bounded by **Pine Street** on the south and **Malcolm X Blvd.** on the east.

North Central: The area to be sprayed is within an area bounded generally on the north by **Harvest Hill Road**, on the west by **Inwood Road**, bounded by **Forest Lane** on the south and **Preston Road** on the east.

While the insecticide is approved by the Environmental Protection Agency for treatment, 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.

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 and 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.