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Denton County reports a West Nile Virus Positive Mosquito Pool

August 16, 2016 – Denton County Public Health (DCPH) is reporting a positive West Nile Virus (WNV) mosquito pool. The pool is located southeast of Northlake.

DCPH will conduct ground spraying in the area located around the positive WNV mosquito pool for three consecutive nights, beginning Thursday, August 17-19, 2016. The ground spraying schedule is as follows, weather permitting:

- Wednesday, August 17 between the hours of 9pm and 5am
- Thursday, August 18 between the hours of 9pm and 5am
- Friday, August 19 between the hours of 9pm and 5am

A detailed map of the spray area can be found at www.dentoncounty.com/WNVnews. Residents in the affected area are being informed.

Dr. Matt Richardson, Director of DCPH, stresses that residents can play a large role in reducing their risk. “It is important for residents to take precautions to prevent mosquito bites by minimizing outdoor exposure during peak mosquito activity, drain standing water, dressing appropriately and using DEET or other EPA-approved repellents.”

Residents should take the following steps to reduce their risk of getting WNV:

- **Drain** standing water around their homes to reduce mosquito breeding grounds. Consider use of BTI briquettes (or mosquito dunks) in water that cannot be drained, such as small ponds and drinking troughs.
- Be aware of mosquitoes during times that they are active, **Dawn, Daytime, Dusk** and evening hours.
- Apply an insect repellent that contains **DEET** (N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide) to exposed skin and to clothing when outdoors. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) also recommends Picaridin (KBR 3023).

- **Dress** in pants and long sleeves when outside and/or wear permethrin-treated clothing.

Please visit the DCPH West Nile Virus website (dentoncounty.com/WNV) for extensive information, including tips for reducing mosquitoes around the home, frequently asked questions, and printable flyers and posters.