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Denton County reports Fifteenth and Sixteenth West Nile Virus Human Cases

October 14, 2016 – Denton County Public Health (DCPH) is reporting the fifteenth and sixteenth human cases of West Nile Virus (WNV) for 2016 in Denton County. The 15th case is a resident of unincorporated Denton County near Shady Shores and was diagnosed with West Nile Neuroinvasive Disease (WNND). The 16th case is a resident of Lewisville and was diagnosed with WNND.

Chief Epidemiologist Juan Rodriguez reminds residents to reduce their risks of acquiring WNV. “Individuals can continue to help prevent mosquito bites by draining standing water around their homes, dressing appropriately and using DEET or other EPA-approved repellents” he indicated.

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.