



Town of Highland Park

News Release

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Town of Highland Park Notified of Positive Human Case for West Nile Fever

September 11, 2015 (Highland Park, Texas) – Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) has confirmed a positive human case for West Nile Fever for a resident that lives in the Town of Highland Park. DCHHS has advised us that they are awaiting additional confirmation of the case from the Texas Department of State Health Services.

West Nile Virus is a disease that is transmitted by the bite of an infected mosquito. Mosquitos become infected when they feed upon the blood of an infected bird. The infected mosquitos can transmit the virus to other humans and animals.

The Town of Highland Park will continue with the mosquito ground spraying this weekend as scheduled. The areas for ground spraying in Highland Park are east of Preston Road to the Town limits (Refer to the attached map: the areas of Highland Park to be sprayed are Quadrants C and D). Ground spraying measures will be conducted for public rights-of-way on the east side of town only and are scheduled to begin at 10:00 p.m. and conclude by 6:00 a.m. Localized ground spraying will include the Town's tennis courts. Ground spraying will not take place in the event of rain or winds in excess of 10 miles per hour.

- Friday, September 11th: Truck mounted ground spraying east of Preston Road to Town limits
- Saturday, September 12th: Truck mounted ground spraying east of Preston Road to Town limits
- Sunday, September 13th: Truck mounted ground spraying east of Preston Road to Town limits

The community is reminded that the mosquito season is not over. Though our reported number of mosquito populations is down, the risk of WNV is still present. To help prevent mosquito bites, follow the 4D's to reduce the risk:

- Drain all standing water
- Avoid Dawn and Dusk when mosquitoes are most active
- Dress appropriately in long sleeves and pants
- Defend yourself against mosquitoes with an effective repellent

For additional information about Mosquito Control specific to Highland Park, please visit our website at www.hptx.org. Any standing or stagnant water in public areas within the Town should be reported to the Town at 214-521-4161, or online at www.hptx.org under "HP4U Resident Connection." Information from Dallas County Health and Human Services can be found on their website at <http://www.dallascounty.org/westnilevirus>, or call 214-819-2100.