



Town of Highland Park
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Town Notified of Positive Human Case of West Nile Virus

July 28, 2020 (Highland Park, Texas) – Today, Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) notified the Town of Highland Park of a positive human case of West Nile Virus (WNV). In response to today’s notification from DCHHS and in accordance to the Town’s Mosquito Control Policy, the Parks Department will conduct ground spraying measures town wide beginning Wednesday, July 29, 2020. The Town’s decision to use adulticide is based on the Centers for Disease Control’s recommendations that surveillance data, when combined with established thresholds, indicates a necessity to reduce the density of adult mosquito populations quickly to lower the risk of WNV. Mosquito Ground Spraying Schedule:

- **Wednesday, July 29, Thursday, July 30, and Friday, July 31:** Weather permitting, mosquito ground spraying will begin at 10:00 p.m. and conclude by 5:00 a.m., town wide.

Ground spraying measures will include the public rights-of-way and the Town’s tennis courts. In the event of rain or wind speeds above 10 m.p.h., mosquito ground spraying will be terminated for the night. Highland Park residents should remain inside and protect pets during the time the sprayers are in your area. Any pet water dishes left outside should be cleaned after spraying.

Mosquitoes are known to be most active in the dawn/dusk periods of the day, and they prefer cool, moist environments. When outside during these dusk/dawn time periods, wearing pants rather than shorts and the use of light-colored clothing with long sleeves is recommended. Be mindful of known areas that collect water to create breeding grounds for mosquitoes (e.g., flowerpot basins, pet dishes, clogged rain gutters, recycle/trash receptacles). The recent rainfall highlights the importance of inspecting these areas on your property. Other prevention recommendations include the use of mosquito repellants containing DEET or other EPA approved mosquito repellants.

Commercial products for yard applications are available at local home improvement stores. Mosquito dunks are available at no cost to residents at Town Hall.