



Town of Highland Park News Release

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

July 20, 2016 (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.

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

In response to this positive case, the Town of Highland Park will conduct ground spraying measures in accordance with the Town's Mosquito Control Policy. The areas for ground spraying in Highland Park will be town wide, and will be conducted Wednesday, July 20th, Thursday, July 21st and Friday, July 22nd.

Ground spraying measures will be conducted for public rights-of-way only and are scheduled to begin at 10:00 p.m. and conclude by 5:00 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.

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.

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