



# Mosquito spraying to start after first West Nile positive mosquito test

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Vector Disease Control International, a private company contracted by the City of Lewisville, has confirmed the city's first positive West Nile Virus mosquito trap for 2017. The positive sample came from a trap collected June 22, from the 500 block of Rachels Court, west of I-35E, and just south of Bellaire Boulevard. This area is one of nine core sites regularly tested for the mosquito born virus.

Ground spraying will be conducted in a half-mile radius of the testing location. Weather permitting, spraying is scheduled for Wednesday, June 28, and Thursday, June 29, starting at 9 p.m. each night. Trucks operated by Vector Disease Control International will conduct the spraying. The insecticide being used is registered with the Environmental Protection Agency and poses minimal risk to humans and the environment.

This is the second year the City of Lewisville has worked with Vector Disease Control International. The private company has its own certified lab and technicians. By using a private company, the City is able to receive test results faster than if tested by the state.

City crews are regularly walking through and visually inspecting creeks and drainage channels to look for potential mosquito breeding sites. The city has nearly a dozen workers in the Parks and Animal Services divisions who are state-certified to apply anti-larval dunks or localized pesticide to curb the mosquito population. Residents are encouraged to report any mosquito complaints to Chris McGinn at 972.219.3484.

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