



City to spray following ninth 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 ninth positive West Nile Virus mosquito trap for 2017. The positive sample came from a trap collected July 27, from the 600 block of Holfords Prairie, that's in an area between State Highway 121 and Business 121. This area is one of nine core sites regularly tested for the mosquito born virus. Two positive mosquito tests were collected from this same trap on July 13 and July 20.

Ground spraying/fogging will be conducted in a half-mile radius of the testing location on Tuesday, August 1, and Wednesday, August 2. An automated "call out" from the City of Lewisville will happen tonight at 6 p.m., notifying residents that a positive trap was collected and where spraying will occur. Weather permitting, trucks operated by Vector Disease Control International will begin the spraying at 9 p.m. The insecticide being used is registered with the Environmental Protection Agency and poses minimal risk to humans, pets and the environment.

It's important to note that all the positive tests to date in the City of Lewisville have been in mosquitoes; there have been no positive human cases reported.

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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