



Three more positive West Nile Virus mosquito tests reported in Lewisville

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Vector Disease Control International, a private company contracted by the City of Lewisville, has confirmed the city's 10th, 11th, and 12th positive West Nile Virus mosquito traps for 2017.

The 10th positive sample was collected August 3, from a trap located in the 600 block of Holfords Prairie Road, in an area between State Highway 121 and Business 121. Three positive mosquito samples were previously collected from this same trap on July 13, July 20, and July 27.

The 11th positive sample was collected August 3, from a trap located in the 200 block of Highland Drive, north of State Highway 121 and east of Denton Tap Road. One positive mosquito sample was previously collected from this trap on July 13.

The 12th positive sample was collected August 3, from a trap located in the 500 block of Rachels Court, west of I-35E, and just south of Bellaire Boulevard. Two positive mosquito samples were previously collected from this trap on June 22, and July 20.

All three locations are core testing sites in the city. 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.

Weather permitting, ground spraying/fogging will be conducted in a half-mile radius of each testing location on Tuesday, August 8, and Wednesday, August 9. An automated "call out" from the City of Lewisville will happen tonight at 6 p.m., notifying residents in all three areas that a positive trap was collected and where spraying will occur. Trucks operated by Vector Disease Control International will conduct the spraying around 9 p.m. each night. The insecticide being used is registered with the Environmental Protection Agency and poses minimal risk to humans, pets and the environment.

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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