

Rowlett

News Release



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Fourth Rowlett resident tests positive for West Nile and additional mosquitos in two locations test positive as well *Spraying to occur Wednesday, August 8, in the two affected areas*

ROWLETT, TX – A fourth confirmed Human case of West Nile Virus Disease in a resident of Rowlett has been reported by the Dallas County Health Department to Rowlett officials. The confirmed case was near the intersection of Aspen and Westview Drive in the 75088 Zip Code. This is in the same area as two of the previous cases. The scheduled spraying of this area last Thursday, August 2, was interrupted due to sustained winds over 10 MPH.

As a result, **Dallas County's planned spraying of the general area will take place during the overnight hours of Wednesday, August 8, between 10:00 P.M. and 3:00 A.M.**, weather conditions permitting. The spraying area will include streets within an area east of Rowlett Road, south of Main Street, west of the President George Bush Turnpike (PGBT) service road and north of Miller Road. In addition, Dallas County will spray Weems Way and Hidden Valley Circle. Additional mosquito inspections will continue over the next few weeks.

Mosquitos testing positive for the West Nile Virus were also found on Larkin Lane. **Dallas County will also spray this general area during the overnight hours of Wednesday, August 8, between 10:00 P.M. and 3:00 A.M.**, weather conditions permitting. The spraying area will include streets within an area east of Rowlett Road, south of Hickox Road, west of Merritt/PGBT, and north of Big A Road.

Additional mosquito inspections will also continue in this area over the next few weeks.

Residents who live in these affected areas should stay indoors and avoid contact with the insecticide during the spraying period. Those who might come in direct contact should wash with soap and water. Motorists who pass spray trucks should remain in their vehicles with the windows up and the air conditioner off until the insecticide dissipates. Fish ponds should be protected and pets should be brought indoors.

Dallas County Health officials are working with the City of Rowlett to minimize the risk of residents of contracting mosquito borne diseases through education, inspections and abatement activities.

The City of Rowlett encourages residents to defend against West Nile and mosquitos by using the Three D's:

- **DEET** - Use insect repellents that contain DEET every time you are outside.
- **Drain** - Remove all areas of standing water. Check for clogged roof gutters as water can pool in debris and stand for long periods of time. Empty water from the drain collection dishes placed beneath potted plants. Change the water in birdbaths, wading pools and pet dishes daily. Inspect and repair French Drains
- **Dress** - Avoid mosquito bites by wearing long, loose, light-colored clothing at all times when outdoors.

For additional information on West Nile disease or mosquito breeding please contact the Dallas County Health Department at 214-819-2115 or on the internet at www.dallascounty.org.

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