

Rowlett

News Release



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Fifth Rowlett resident tests positive for West Nile and additional mosquitos test positive ***Ground spraying to occur for three consecutive nights beginning Sunday, August 19 through Tuesday, August 21 in the affected area***

ROWLETT, TX – A fifth 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 Cortland Circle and Halifax Drive in the 75088 zip code. A mosquito testing positive was reported near the intersection of David Drive and Smartt Street, also in the 75088 zip code.

As a result, **Dallas County's planned ground spraying of the general area will take place for three consecutive nights beginning Sunday, August 19 through Tuesday, August 21, during the overnight hours between 10:00 P.M. and 3:00 A.M.**, weather conditions permitting. The spraying area will include streets within an area Rowlett bounded by Dexham Drive to the west, Miller Road to the north, President George Bush Turnpike to the east and south of the DART Rail Line. This area will not only treat the surrounding area for West Nile Human case #5 and the positive mosquito, but will cover the localized area of human cases #2, #3 and #4. Additional mosquito inspections will continue 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 Four 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.
- **Dusk/Dawn** - Stay indoors during the hours mosquitoes are most active.

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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