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Eleven new human cases of West Nile disease reported in Dallas

Total human cases now 17 in City

Dallas – Eleven additional human cases of West Nile virus have been reported in the City of Dallas bringing the total for the year to seventeen. Nine of the eleven human cases have encephalitis or meningitis. These new cases were reported to the City on August 9 and 10, 2006, by Dallas County, are illustrative of the potential serious consequences of being bitten by a mosquito. Although most people, about 80%, have no symptoms when bitten by an infected mosquito, those that do become ill may suffer devastating effects.

While City of Dallas staff is applying control measures, such as checking for and treating standing water, treating storm sewers and spraying for adult mosquitoes, Dallas residents are responsible for eliminating possible mosquito breeding on their property. [Map](#)

Prevent mosquito breeding

Residents should eliminate standing water to prevent mosquito breeding and the spread of West Nile Virus. Breeding places for mosquitoes include swimming pools that are not kept clean, stagnant ponds, pet watering dishes, birdbaths, potted plants, old tires, empty containers, toys and clogged rain gutters. Standing water should be eliminated promptly, as mosquitoes can grow from egg to adult in as little as seven days.

Protection against mosquito bites

Dallas residents are urged to take precautions against mosquito bites by reducing outdoor activity during evening and nighttime hours. Residents who are outside during these times should cover their arms and legs and use a mosquito repellent.

To report standing water or mosquito problems Dallas residents should call 3-1-1. For additional information on Mosquito Control, visit the City's website at www.dallascityhall.com.

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