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## **Dallas County Health and Human Services**

### **Conducts Ground Spraying to Reduce Mosquito Population**

**Lancaster, TX** – Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) laboratory has confirmed a growing number of mosquitoes in the Lancaster area. In efforts to reduce the mosquito abundance in this area, mosquito spraying will be conducted in Lancaster on Sunday, June 14, 2015 from 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. Residents should remain inside during the time sprayers are in the area. The ground spraying will not be conducted in the event wind speeds in excess of 10 mph or inclement weather.

While **NO** positive mosquito traps have been identified in Lancaster this year, there have been several positive confirmations in surrounding cities within Dallas County. “It is best to knock down the mosquito population as much as possible to help eliminate an increased risk of human exposure to West Nile virus,” explained Zachary Thompson, DCHHS director.

Residents should use the 4Ds to reduce exposure to mosquitoes:

- **DEET All Day, Every Day:** Whenever you're outside, use insect repellents that contain DEET or other EPA approved repellents and follow instructions.
- **Dress:** Wear long, loose, and light-colored clothing outside.
- **Drain:** Drain or treat all standing water in and around your home or workplace.
- **Dusk & Dawn:** Limit outdoor activities during dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active.

City of Lancaster residents are provided free mosquito dunks at 700 E. Main Street and 211 N. Henry Street while supplies last. This product assists in mosquito control by killing mosquito larvae when applied to water sources. For more information about ground spraying, please call 972-218-1300 or visit [www.lancaster-tx.com](http://www.lancaster-tx.com)

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