

West Nile Watch

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2008 West Nile Virus Updates

Testing is ongoing throughout Dallas County. Below is a list of positive mosquito pools detected in Dallas County:

Positive West Nile Virus Mosquito Pools — 3

Highland Park, TX 75205 Mapsco 35-M
Cockrell Hill, TX 75211 Mapsco #52-E
Dallas, TX 75219 Mapsco 35S

This list will be updated on a weekly basis.

There are currently no human cases of West Nile virus in Dallas County.

Remember the Three Ds to Defend Against West Nile

Dallas County Health and Human Services encourages everyone to remember the three **Ds** to defend against West Nile:

DEET

Use insect repellent products with “DEET” or other FDA approved repellents and follow product instructions.

Drain

Get rid of ALL standing water.

Empty, remove, cover or turn upside down any containers that will hold standing water (bottles, cans, tires, buckets, flower pots, etc.)

Change water in pet dishes, wading pools and birdbaths several times a week.

Cover trash containers so they will not collect water.

Dress

Wear long, loose and light-colored clothing to avoid mosquito bites when outside.

Background

Summary of West Nile Human Cases, 2002-2007

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total Cases	34	48	18	44	104	23
Deaths	3	4	0	1	4	0
Median age	54	52	48	51	55	53
Male	18	26	14	23	59	16
Females	16	22	4	21	45	7
% Males	53	54	78	52	57	70
% Females	47	46	22	48	43	30
Fever (WNF)	12	14	9	20	37	12
Neuroinvasive (WNND)	22	34	9	24	67	11
% Fever	35	29	50	45	36	52
% Neuroinvasive	65	71	50	55	64	48

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Welcome to the Dallas County Health and Human Services 2008 West Nile Watch. You will receive this update weekly when new positive mosquito pools or human cases are detected in our communities. If you have any questions, please feel free to send an email to westnile@dallascounty.org.

Who to Call for More Information

DCHHS continues to work with its municipal partners on additional strategies to protect Dallas County residents from mosquito-borne illnesses. DCHHS West Nile prevention activities include surveillance, source reduction, larvaciding (killing mosquito larvae or wigglers), adulticiding (spraying for adult mosquitoes), and public education. Dallas County has enhanced its early detection capability through the use of gravid traps for mosquito collection and global positioning systems equipment provided by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). For more information about mosquito activities in Dallas County, call the DCHHS Environmental Health Division at 214-819-2115.

Several municipalities in Dallas County have their own environmental health departments and set their own policies/criteria regarding West Nile virus and bird testing. If your city is shown below, please contact your local health department for more information.

Addison 972-450-2827 www.addisontexas.net

Carrollton 972-466-3420, Press 3 when prompted. www.cityofcarrollton.com

Cedar Hill 972-291-5128

Coppell 972-462-5177 www.ci.coppell.tx.us

Dallas 311 www.dallascityhall.com

Farmers Branch 972-919-2536
www.ci.farmers-branch.tx.us/EnvironmentalHealth/mosquitocontrol.html

Garland 972-205-3720 www.ci.garland.tx.us

Grand Prairie 972-237-8055 www.ci.grand-prairie.tx.us

Irving 972-721-3755 www.ci.irving.tx.us

Mesquite 972-329-8715 www.cityofmesquite.com

Richardson 972-744-4080 (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays)
www.cor.net/CityHall/Health/WestNileVirus.html