



**PRESS RELEASE — Oct. 21, 2016**

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## **Positive West Nile Fever human case reported**

THE COLONY, Texas — The City of The Colony has been notified by the Denton County Health Department that a human case of West Nile Fever has been confirmed within our city limits. The resident lives in the 5000 block of Ridgcrest Drive, but it is unconfirmed if the transmission of the disease occurred at that location. This is the first human case of West Nile Virus reported in The Colony in 2016.

Truck-mounted adult mosquito treatments will be conducted in the area identified below for two consecutive nights (weather permitting), beginning Sunday, Oct. 23, and concluding on Monday, Oct. 24. If inclement weather prevents the treatments from taking place those nights, the treatments will take place the following night(s). The treatments will begin at approximately 9 p.m. If you live in close proximity to this area please plan to keep all people and pets indoors overnight, and cover any ponds or pet watering bowls. The treatment area will include:

- **Lake Ridge Estates & Hetherington Circle neighborhoods:** Treatment area will include areas south of Hetherington Circle / north of South Colony Boulevard / east of Lakeshore Boulevard / west of Main Street.

The City will continue its proactive approach in prevention of mosquito-borne disease sources on public property. However, **the best prevention for everyone in the community is through education and personal protection**, especially for the elderly and those with health issues, by following the “4 Ds” listed below:

- **Dress to protect:** Wear long sleeves and long pants.
- **Dusk, Daytime and Dawn:** Protect yourself against mosquitoes anytime that you are outside.
- **Defend:** Wear insect repellent with DEET, Picaridin, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus, or an effective alternative.
- **Drain standing water:** Eliminate any water that stands for longer than 5 days or treat water with larvicide according to the label.

Residents may go to the following websites for more information about West Nile virus:

- **City of The Colony:** <http://www.thecolonytx.gov/Depts/PARD/mosquitocontrol.html>

- **Texas Department of State Health Services:** <http://bit.ly/NDuEtq>
- **Denton County Health Department:** <http://tinyurl.com/jprzama>

For additional information regarding mosquitoes and the City's mosquito treatment plan, contact Community Services Director Pam Nelson at 972-624-3958, via email at [pnelson@thecolonytx.gov](mailto:pnelson@thecolonytx.gov), or visit [www.thecolonytx.gov/Depts/PARD/mosquitocontrol.html](http://www.thecolonytx.gov/Depts/PARD/mosquitocontrol.html). If you notice standing water on private property, please contact The Colony Community Image Department at 972-624-3160.

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