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## **City of Abilene plans for weekend mosquito spraying** MOSQUITO TESTS POSITIVE FOR WEST NILE VIRUS DURING ROUTINE TESTING

*ABILENE, Texas* – City of Abilene will spray for mosquitos Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, between 4 a.m. and 5 a.m. after a mosquito in the 79605 zip code tested positive for West Nile virus during routine trapping and testing.

Spraying will happen in the area bound by Sycamore and Elmwood Drive, and North 3rd and South 19th Streets.

While the insecticide the City uses is approved by the Environmental Protection Agency for treatment, residents in the above areas should avoid contact with the spray by staying indoors. Persons inside a vehicle while trucks are actively spraying should remain in their vehicles with the windows up and the air condition off until the trucks pass and the spray is no longer visible. Residents who come in contact with the spray are advised to wash the affected area thoroughly with soap and water.

West Nile virus is a disease spread by the bite of an infected mosquito. Residents are encouraged to follow the four Ds to best protect themselves from mosquito bites;

- **Dress** in long sleeves and pants when outside.
- Use insect repellent containing **deet**.
- **Drain** standing water in your yard and neighborhood.
- Avoid being outdoors during **dusk** and **dawn** when mosquitos are most active.

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