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HEALTH DEPARTMENT MOSQUITO CONTROL ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2022

SHELBY COUNTY, TN – The Shelby County Health Department’s Mosquito Control Program routinely traps and tests mosquitoes for the presence of West Nile Virus (WNV) as a part of a comprehensive program to limit the spread of the virus through Shelby County. This week, mosquitoes positive for the West Nile Virus were identified in the following zip codes: 38105, 38126, and 38017.

Mosquito Control activities begin in February each year, with the application of larvicides to ditches and standing bodies of water in order to kill mosquito larvae and decrease the adult mosquito population. These treatments are a very effective way of reducing mosquito populations. Please view our [ArcGIS story map](#) that details our mosquito control prevention work throughout the year.

Additionally, Mosquito Control conducts truck-mounted spraying to control the spread of adult mosquitoes that carry West Nile virus. In order to proactively control mosquito populations, Mosquito Control will spray in zip codes where West Nile Virus was first detected in mosquitoes in 2022. **Weather permitting***, SCHD will conduct truck-mounted spraying of EPA-approved insecticides, in the following ZIP codes according to this schedule:

Monday, September 5, 2022:

***No spraying on Monday due to Labor Day Holiday**

Tuesday, September 6, 2022:

7:45-10:45 p.m.

Zip Codes: 38017, 38139, 38125

Route Map: <https://arcg.is/D8Dy5>

Wednesday, September 7, 2022:

7:45-10:45 p.m.

ZIP Codes: 38017, 38125, 38138, 38139

Route Map: <https://arcg.is/1P4T590>

Thursday, September 8, 2022:

7:45-10:45 p.m.

ZIP Codes: 38109, 38116

Route Map: <https://arcg.is/1n81i>

Individuals with chronic health problems including asthma or other lung conditions may want to remain indoors during the time of spraying. Citizens who **do not** want their residences to be sprayed should contact the Vector Control Program by emailing Vector.Control@shelbycountyn.gov or calling (901) 222-9715.

* To ensure the insecticide is most effective, the scheduled spraying will be canceled if any of the following weather conditions are present for the majority of the schedule spray time:

- Rain chance of 65% or greater
- Wind speeds 11mph or greater
- Temperature less than 60 degrees Fahrenheit

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