



News Release

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Shelby County Health Department Announces Mosquito Spray Schedule

MEMPHIS, TN – In response to the recent positive tests of West Nile Virus in sampled mosquitoes, the Shelby County Health Department will conduct truck-mounted spraying (adulticiding) of EPA-approved insecticides, weather permitting, in portions specific ZIP codes according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, May 15th

8:00p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

ZIP Codes: 38108, 38111, 38112, 38117, 38120, 38122, 38128

Wednesday, May 16th

8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

ZIP Codes: 38108, 38122, 38128, 38133, 38134, 38135

Thursday, May 17th

8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

ZIP Codes: 38002, 38053, 38128, 38133, 38135

Monday, May 21st

8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

ZIP Codes: 38109, 38116

Individuals with chronic health problems such as asthma or other lung conditions may want to remain indoors during the time of spraying if they live in one of the affected areas. Residents who **do not** want their residences to be sprayed should contact the Health Department's Vector Control Program at **(901) 324-5547**.

To ensure cases of human West Nile Virus are minimized, citizens are also encouraged to be vigilant as it relates to controlling mosquito populations around their homes and businesses. **Citizens are encouraged to:**

- Wear DEET-containing mosquito repellants according to label directions
- Eliminate standing water where mosquitoes can lay eggs. Check properties for objects - including old tires, flower pots and drip plates, tin cans, buckets, and children's toys - that collect rainwater and either drain or dispose of the water
- Install or repair windows and door screens
- Empty, clean and refill birdbaths and small wading pools weekly
- Empty and refill pets' water bowls every few days
- Repair failed septic systems
- Repair leaky outside faucets
- Clean rain gutters and down spouts
- Secure swimming pool covers tightly and remove any standing water after rainfall
- Store wheelbarrows, canoes and boats upside down
- Stock ornamental lawn ponds with fish (Gambusia) that eat mosquito larvae (Gambusia fish are available FREE from the Vector Control Program)

The Shelby County Health Department strongly urges residents to refrain from sitting outdoors at night; however, use repellents when outdoors, especially at night, regardless of perceived mosquito activity.

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