



News Release

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Shelby County Health Department Announces Mosquito Spray Schedule

MEMPHIS, TN - To date, all ZIP codes in Shelby County have tested positive for West Nile Virus. The Health Department continues to conduct truck-mounted spraying (adulticiding) of EPA-approved insecticides, weather permitting, in portions specific ZIP codes according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, October 9th

7:00 p.m. - 10: 30 p.m.

ZIP Codes: 38017, 38028, 38125, 38139

Wednesday, October 10th

7:00 p.m. - 10: 00 p.m.

ZIP Codes: 38017, 38125, 38138, 38139

Thursday, October 11th

7:00 p.m. - 10: 00 p.m

ZIP Codes: 38002, 38053, 38127

Monday, October 15th

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

ZIP Codes: 38016, 38018, 38028, 38120, 38134

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) 222-9715**.

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)

West Nile Virus is expected to be active in neighborhoods throughout Shelby County for a longer period of time this year. The Shelby County Health Department urges residents to use repellents when outdoors at night regardless of perceived mosquito activity.

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