City of Haslet

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## **Ground Spraying Scheduled Thursday & Friday Nights in Haslet**

**August 19, 2020 (Haslet, TX)**—Tarrant County Public Health (TCPH) has confirmed the presence of West Nile Virus (WNV) in mosquito samples collected at the 201 School House Road Trap Location, Haslet.

Weather permitting, Municipal Mosquito, contracted by the City of Haslet, will begin ground spraying efforts in a radius of one-half mile from the point of origin of the positive sample on Thursday, August 20, 2020 through Friday, August 21, 2020. Ground fogging will begin at 11 p.m. and conclude by 6:30 a.m. the following morning.

This notice along with a map depicting the area to be sprayed will be posted on the city's website at <a href="www.Haslet.org">www.Haslet.org</a>, distributed through media and social media, and was posted at least 24 hours in advance before the start of the application.

The pesticide used in ground fogging has been declared safe for humans and pets by the Centers for Disease Control and the Environmental Protection Agency. For more information on ground fogging in the City of Haslet, please contact David Rogers, Public Works Director at (817) 307-0286. Concerned individuals that believe they may have symptoms from ground fogging should immediately contact Poison Control at 1-800-222-1222. Concerned individuals may also take the following precautionary measures to minimize exposure:

- Avoid being outside during fogging; close windows and keep pets inside.
- If skin or clothes are exposed, wash them with soap and water.

Residents are strongly encouraged to take precautions to reduce their risk of getting the virus by remembering the four D's:

- Drain standing water around their homes to reduce mosquito breeding grounds. Consider use of BTI briquettes (or mosquito dunks) in water that cannot be drained, such as small ponds and livestock drinking troughs.
- Stay indoors at **Dusk** and **Dawn**, when mosquitoes are most active.
- Apply an insect repellent that contains **DEET** (N,N-diethyl-mtoluamide), or another EPA-recommended product, to exposed skin and to clothing when outdoors. Other EPA-approved repellents include picaridin and oil of lemon eucalyptus.
- Dress in pants and long sleeves when outside, but avoid becoming too hot.

Additionally, residents should keep weeds, tall grass, and bushes trimmed, since these are prime resting grounds for mosquitoes.

