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The City of The Colony has followed a proactive plan of prevention and testing to address mosquito issues throughout the City for the past several years. Through this program areas on public property (drainage channels, ponds, etc.) that may hold water for periods of time are identified and monitored as they are potential breeding grounds for mosquitoes. These standing pools of water are inspected for mosquito larvae, and if found, are treated with a larvacide which kills the larvae before it matures into an adult mosquito. This preventative measure greatly reduces the number that hatch into adult mosquitoes.

Many people think any adult mosquito can carry diseases that can be transmitted to humans. This is not true. Most mosquitoes are considered “nuisance” mosquitoes and do not carry disease, thus are of no danger. The City sets traps at various locations throughout the City to capture adult mosquitoes and tests for “disease carriers”, specifically for West Nile Virus (WNV) and St. Louis Encephalitis (SLE). Last week, we received our first positive WNV result from an adult mosquito trapped just north of the Aquatic Park at N. Colony and Taylor St., and had a second positive at that location again this week. Additionally, a positive for WNV was found at a location in the drainage ditch at Paige and Worley Rd. As a result, a “low mist” fogging treatment in those drainage ditches will be performed on Saturday (7/14), Sunday (7/15) and Monday (7/16) between 9 p.m. and 1 a.m. (weather permitting). Residents are asked to stay away from those areas during those times of treatment.

While this type of treatment may eliminate some mosquitoes, prevention is the key to a successful program. An important key to a successful prevention program is participation by private property owners. Identifying and eliminating stagnant pools of water on private property such as unused swimming pools, hot tubs, bird baths, ponds, low areas, etc., are critical when it comes to preventing breeding grounds and hatching of adult mosquitoes. Of course, wearing insect repellent with DEET when outdoors will help minimize exposure to the diseases mosquitoes may carry.

The City is asking all residents to be aware of and remove potential mosquito breeding grounds on their own property, and wear protective clothing and insect repellent when outside for activities.

For additional information regarding mosquitoes, contact Jerry Young, Chemical Applicator for the City of The Colony at 469-853-1222.