



NEWS RELEASE

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Residents reminded to stay diligent against mosquitoes

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (June 27, 2018) – The Montgomery County Mosquito Abatement team has detected an increase in West Nile Virus positive mosquito samples in The Woodlands and strongly encourages residents to protect themselves from mosquito bites.

This week, 12 additional samples tested positive for the disease, bringing the total to 16. An increase of this magnitude indicates that it may be an especially high-risk year for West Nile Virus.

Personal protective measures, such as wearing long, loose, light-colored clothing and applying insect repellent before going outdoors greatly reduces the risk of mosquito bites. Residents are encouraged to be a part of the solution by eliminating standing water that can breed mosquitoes on their properties.

Treatment of affected areas by South County Mosquito Abatement is occurring and includes spraying all streets and county rights of way within that area twice in one week. Residents can check the treatment activity map (<http://www.precinct3.org/mosquito-abatement/>) to learn if and when spraying will occur in their neighborhoods. Residents are advised to avoid outdoor activity during the scheduled treatment hours.

Remember – *mosquitoes spend three-quarters of their lifecycle in the water*, so **THINK WET:**

- **Wear** repellent.
- **Eliminate** standing water.
- **Treat** water you can't eliminate.

Information about taking precautions against mosquitoes is available at www.thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov/mosquitoinfo.



With an increase of West Nile Virus positive mosquito samples in The Woodlands, the Township reminds residents to wear repellent and to take needed precautions this summer.