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### **Positive West Nile Virus Samples in Terrebonne Parish**

Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government's mosquito control contractor has reported that mosquito samples in East and West Houma have recently tested positive for the West Nile Virus. The positive samples were detected near the intersection of Martin Luther King and Savanne Road in West Houma and near the intersection of Grand Caillou Road and East Main Street in East Houma.

Due to the positive mosquito samples, Parish President Gordon Dove has authorized additional mosquito spraying in the areas of the positive samples. The truck mounted sprayers will operate during the evenings hours beginning today, July 24<sup>th</sup> and continuing on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting.

The Parish's mosquito control contractor, Mosquito Control Services, L.L.C., will be sending personnel into the affected areas to search for vector mosquito breeding sites and spray those sites with bacterial and/or other larvicide to control the mosquito population. If it is necessary for the mosquito contractor to enter your yard, you will be asked to sign a permission slip to allow an inspection of your yard for mosquito breeding and to apply bacterial and/or larvicide in your yard.

Residents in the affected areas will receive information regarding the West Nile Virus and St. Louis Encephalitis, how to protect yourself from mosquitos and what you can do around your home to help alleviate areas that mosquitos may breed.

Residents may call Mosquito Control Services, L.L.C. at (985) 580-1629 with any questions or concerns regarding mosquito control or spraying issues.

Information on how you can help protect you and your family from mosquito bites and mosquito populations may also be found on the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's website at [www.cdc.gov/westnile/vectorcontrol/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/westnile/vectorcontrol/index.html)