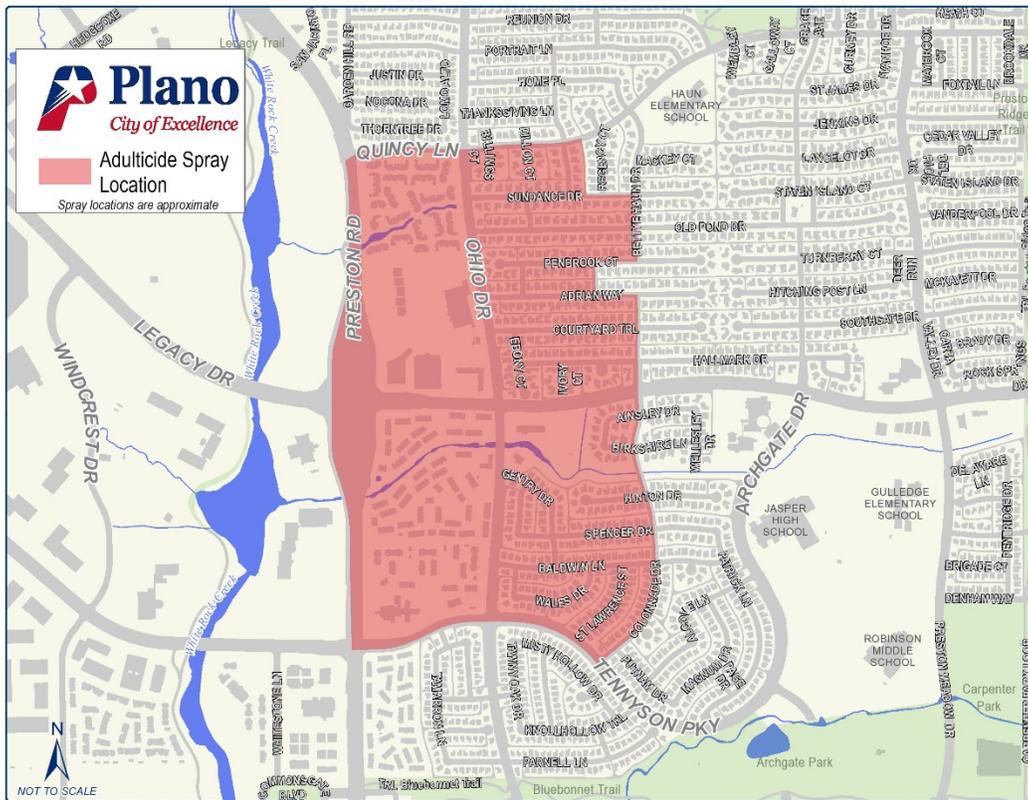


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First Human Case of West Nile in 2018 Reported in Plano

The City of Plano reports the first positive human case of the West Nile Virus in 2018. The Collin County Health Department notified the City about the case. The City will take proactive measures by spraying targeted locations in and around the area of the confirmed case. Weather permitting, Health Department crews will spray tonight, Thursday, September 20th, beginning at 9:00 P.M. The targeted spray area is at Legacy Drive and Ohio Drive.



Information regarding the patient is very limited. We do know the person who contracted the virus has West Nile fever, which is not the neuro-invasive form of the virus, which is commonly more serious.

Residents are urged to ensure children and pets are indoors during the time of spraying.

The City's Environmental Health Division encourages citizens to follow common prevention practices of the 4 D's:

DRAIN standing water in and around your home and neighborhood.

DRESS appropriately before going outdoors.

DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide) is an ingredient to look for when purchasing insect repellent. The use of bug spray is recommended at all times, especially during the day.

Citizens with concerns or questions can call the City of Plano Environmental Health and Sustainability Department at 972-941-7143.

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Editor's Note: Attached is a map of the spray area.

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About Plano

Plano, Texas, is the largest city in Collin County with a population of 277,720 as of January 2017. Incorporated in 1873, the city is located 20 miles north of Dallas. Plano was recently named the third Best Run City in America by 24/7 Wall Street. The City offers a high quality of life that includes: nationally-recognized schools, award-winning parks and sustainability initiatives, designation as one of America's safest cities by Forbes magazine, and a wide variety of multi-cultural neighborhoods appealing to families, young singles and retirees. Plano is home and future home to the headquarters or regional operations of major international corporations such as Toyota, Liberty Mutual, JPMorgan Chase, Fannie Mae, FedEx Office, JC Penney, Dr. Pepper/Snapple Group, Rent-A-Center, Cinemark Holdings, Denbury Resources and Alliance Data Systems. The dynamic community features excellent restaurants, vibrant shopping and entertainment venues, a lively historic downtown district and active local arts scene. Easy access to DART light rail and major highways makes Plano a convenient place to live, work and visit. To learn more about Plano, go to our website at plano.gov.