

**For Immediate Release**

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## Two Mosquito Pools Test Positive for West Nile

The City of Plano reports tests conducted of two pools of mosquitoes in City traps have come back positive for the West Nile virus. The City will take proactive measures by spraying targeted locations in and around the area of the traps. Weather permitting, Plano Environmental Quality Division crews will spray two locations (sites 11, 17) Thursday evening, October 1, beginning at 9:00 P.M. The targeted spray areas are bordered by the following streets:

### Site 11

N – Rothland Ln.  
S – Benchmark Dr. / Old Orchard Dr.  
E – Turtle Point Dr.  
W – Bronze Leaf Dr.

### Site 17

N – Harkness Dr.  
S – W Plano Pkwy. / Park Meadow Ln.  
E – Communications Pkwy.  
W – LaCosta Dr.

Maps of the two spray sites are attached.

The Environmental Quality Division team is surveying the areas around the traps to determine what type of physical controls may be implemented in order to reduce mosquito habitats. Examples include eliminating stagnant water, mowing tall weeds, and maintaining densely vegetated areas.

Residents are urged to ensure children and pets are indoors during the time of spraying. The City encourages citizens to follow common prevention practices: 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, when outdoors, especially during the day.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has no data to suggest COVID-19 is spread by mosquitoes or ticks. The main way it spreads is from person to person. See [How Coronavirus Spreads](#) for more information.

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

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**About Plano**

Plano, Texas, is the largest city in Collin County with a population of 285,190 as of January 2020. Incorporated in 1873, the city is located 20 miles north of Dallas. Niche and AreaVibes recently named Plano as one of the Best Cities to Live in America. Forbes designated Plano one of America's safest cities. The City offers a high quality of life that includes nationally recognized schools, award-winning parks, and sustainability initiatives and a wide variety of multi-cultural neighborhoods appealing to families, young singles and retirees. Plano is home to the headquarters or regional operations of major corporations such as Toyota, Liberty Mutual, JPMorgan Chase Boeing Global Services, Fannie Mae, FedEx Office, JC Penney, Rent-A-Center, Cinemark Holdings, Denbury Resources and Alliance Data Systems. Our 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](http://plano.gov).