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REVISED HEALTH DEPARTMENT MOSQUITO CONTROL ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 28, 2023

SHELBY COUNTY, TN – The Shelby County Health Department’s Mosquito Control Program has issued a revised spray schedule for the week of August 28, 2023. This revised schedule focuses efforts in zip codes associated with human cases of West Nile virus.

Mosquito Control regularly traps and tests mosquitoes for West Nile virus. Mosquitoes positive for the virus have been detected in zip codes: 38002, 38016, 38017, 38018, 38028, 38053, 38103, 38104, 38106, 38107, 38108, 38109, 38111, 38112, 38114, 38115, 38116, 38117, 38118, 38119, 38120, 38122, 38125, 38126, 38127, 38128, 38133, 38134, 38135, and 38138.

Shelby County Health Department urges everyone, especially those who live, work or play in the zip codes where West Nile virus has been detected, to protect against mosquito bites.

- **DEFEND** yourself by using insect repellent with DEET. Follow label instructions.
- **DRESS** in long sleeves and pants. Wear loose and light-colored clothing when outdoors.
- **DUSK/DAWN** is the time when mosquitoes are most active. Stay indoors, wear protective clothing, or use mosquito repellent if you must be outdoors during those hours.

Truck-mounted spraying for mosquitoes is one of many mosquito control activities conducted by SCHD’s Vector Control Program. **Weather permitting***, SCHD will conduct truck-mounted spraying of EPA-approved insecticides, in the following ZIP codes according to this schedule:

Monday, August 28, 2023:

8:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.

ZIP Codes: 38016, 38018, 38138, 38139

Route Map: <https://arcg.is/0nv54L>

Tuesday, August 29, 2023:

8:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.

ZIP Codes: 38103, 38105, 38107, 38104, 38108, 38112

Route Map: <https://arcg.is/005nXH>

Wednesday, August 30, 2023:

8:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.

ZIP Codes: 38128, 38111, 38117, 38118

Route Map: <https://arcg.is/1C1XK4>

Thursday, August 31 2023:

8:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.

ZIP Codes: 38002, 38133, 38135

Route Map: <https://arcg.is/0aCO09>

Friday, September 1, 2023:

5:00-6:00 a.m.

ZIP Code: 38109

Route Map: <https://arcg.is/0eOTam>

Individuals with chronic health problems including asthma or other lung conditions may want to remain indoors during the time of spraying. Citizens who **do not** want their residences to be sprayed should contact the Vector Control Program by emailing Vector.Control@shelbycountytn.gov or calling (901) 222-9715.

* To ensure the insecticide is most effective, the scheduled spraying will be canceled if any of the following weather conditions are present for the majority of the schedule spray time:

- Rain chance of 65% or greater
- Wind speeds 11mph or greater
- Temperature less than 60 degrees Fahrenheit

Follow @ShelbyTNHealth on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram for the most up-to-date cancellations of any scheduled sprayings.

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