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Alert Health Department Will Spray Pesticide to Reduce Adult Mosquito Populations

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Spraying scheduled for parts of Staten Island on Tuesday, August 3, and parts of Brooklyn on Thursday, August 5, to help prevent West Nile Virus

To reduce mosquito activity and the risk of West Nile virus, the Health Department will spray pesticide from trucks in the following parts of Staten Island on Tuesday, August 3, between 8:15 P.M. and 6:00 A.M the following morning, weather permitting. In case of bad weather, spraying will be delayed until the night of Wednesday, August 4, during the same hours.

The Health Department will spray pesticide from trucks in the following parts of Brooklyn on Thursday August 5, between 8:15 P.M. and 6:00 A.M the following morning, weather permitting. In case of bad weather, spraying will be delayed until the night of Monday, August 9.

West Nile Virus has been detected in mosquitoes in New York City this season, but no human cases have been identified. Information on West Nile Virus surveillance is available at www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/wnv/wnvrrs.shtml.

The August 3 and August 5 spraying efforts will affect the following neighborhoods:

Grymes Hill, Livingston,

Port Richmond, Randall Manor, Sunnyside,

West Brighton,

Ward Hill, and Westerleigh

Boundaries:

Bordered by Louis Street, Howard Avenue, and Tioga Street to the East; Victory Boulevard, Forest Avenue, Bement Avenue, and Kill Van Kull to the North; Jewett Avenue to the West; and Victory Boulevard and Little Clove Road to the South

Zip Code:

10301, 10302, 10310, 10314

For these sprayings, the Health Department will use a very low concentration of Anvil®, a synthetic pesticide. When properly used, this product poses no significant risks to human health, but the Health Department recommends that people take the following precautions to minimize direct exposure:

- * Whenever possible, stay indoors during spraying. People with asthma or other respiratory conditions are encouraged to stay inside during spraying since direct exposure could worsen these conditions.
- * Air conditioners may remain on. But if you wish to reduce the possibility of indoor exposure to pesticides, set the air conditioner vent to the closed position, or choose the re-circulate function.
- * Remove children's toys, outdoor equipment, and clothes from outdoor areas during spraying. If outdoor equipment and toys are exposed to pesticides, wash them with soap and water before using again.
- * Wash skin and clothing exposed to pesticides with soap and water. Always wash your produce thoroughly with water before cooking or eating.

For more information please click on the attached PDF.