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**NYC HEALTH DEPARTMENT CONTINUES MOSQUITO CONTROL EFFORTS TO REDUCE
THE RISK OF WEST NILE VIRUS**

*Truck-based Treatments Scheduled for September 8 and September 10, in Parts of
Queens, Staten Island and the Bronx, Weather Permitting*

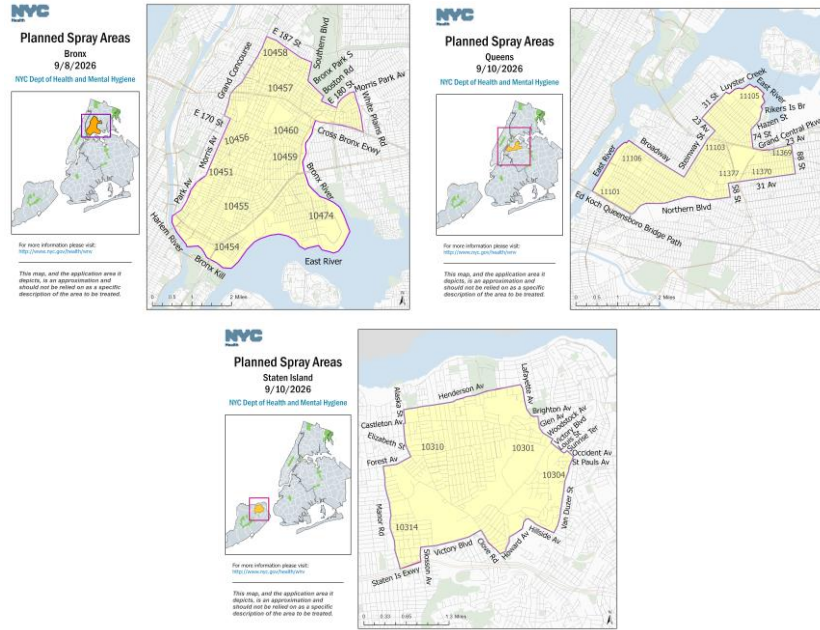
NEW YORK — The New York City Health Department will conduct ground-based ultra-low-volume (ULV) adulticide spraying in parts of the Bronx on Tuesday, September 8, and in parts of Queens and Staten Island on Thursday, September 10, between 8:30 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., weather permitting. This is to reduce populations of adult mosquitoes that may carry West Nile virus (WNV). The treatments are part of the Health Department's ongoing efforts to reduce adult mosquito populations in areas where surveillance has identified West Nile virus activity and elevated adult mosquito populations.

"This spraying is a continuation of the mosquito control work our teams have been carrying out across the city all summer," said **NYC Health Commissioner Dr. Alister F. Martin**.

"We monitor mosquito activity closely, neighborhood by neighborhood, and when our data point to a treatment area, we act on it the same way we have all season. New Yorkers in these areas don't need to change their plans, just take a few simple precautions."

If rain or high winds require postponement, the Bronx application will be rescheduled to Wednesday, September 9, and the Queens/Staten Island application to Monday, September 14, during the same hours.

The following maps identify the treatment areas:



The Health Department will apply Duet, an EPA-registered mosquito control product, using truck-mounted equipment. The risks of pesticides applied by the Health Department for mosquito control are low for people and pets. Individuals who are particularly sensitive to spray ingredients may experience temporary eye or throat irritation or a mild rash. People with respiratory conditions may wish to stay indoors, whenever possible, to minimize exposure during the application period. Air conditioners can remain on, but air conditioner vents may be closed or set to the recirculate function as an added precaution.

New Yorkers can reduce their risk of mosquito bites by using an EPA-registered insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535, or oil of lemon eucalyptus; wearing long sleeves and pants when outdoors in areas with high mosquito activity and making sure windows and doors have properly fitted screens.

New Yorkers should also eliminate standing water around their homes, including water that collects in buckets, flowerpots, birdbaths, tarps, gutters, and other containers. Swimming pools, outdoor saunas, and hot tubs should be cleaned and chlorinated and covered when not in use. Standing water can be reported by calling 311.

Maps of the treatment areas and additional information about mosquito control and West Nile virus are available at nyc.gov/health/wnv.

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