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Tarrant County Public Health confirmed Aug. 21 that there is a third human case of West Nile Virus in Burleson. The affected person lives in the 300 block of Angela Drive. The second human case of West Nile Virus was reported Aug. 15 in the 700 block of Northwest James Circle. The first was reported July 24 in the 900 block of Timber Ridge Court. All three are in the north part of Burleson.

On July 16, Burleson confirmed two positive West Nile Virus (WNV) mosquito pools in the area of Lena Lane and Robin Court. On July 20, another confirmed WNV mosquito pool was reported from the area of the Burleson Police Department (corner of Renfro Street and Johnson Avenue). Two other mosquito pools collected within the vicinity of the police department also tested positive.

West Nile Virus is spread by infected mosquitoes. In most cases, mosquitoes become infected when they feed on infected birds. Infected mosquitoes can then spread West Nile Virus to humans and other animals when they bite.

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), some people - up to 20 percent - may experience mild symptoms, including fever, headache, and body aches, nausea, vomiting, and sometimes swollen lymph glands or a skin rash on the chest, stomach and back. Symptoms can last for as short as a few days, though even healthy people have become sick for several weeks.

About one in 150 people infected with WNV will develop severe illness. The symptoms can include high fever, headache, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremor convulsions, muscle weakness, vision loss, numbness and paralysis. These symptoms may last several weeks, and neurological effects may be permanent.

Mosquito season in Burleson is typically May-October with August as the peak month. Residents should follow the three D's, as outlined on the City website's Mosquito Control page, www.burlesontx.com/mosquitocontrol. You can also find out more about the prevention program by going to the FAQ for mosquitoes listed at the top right hand corner of that same page. If you are concerned about stagnant water, you may report it online by clicking on "Report Stagnant Water" at the bottom of the Mosquito Control page.

Two other sources include the CDC's Fact Sheet, <http://tinyurl.com/64d85>, and Tarrant County Public Health, <http://tinyurl.com/ccousym>.