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CHAMBLEE TRAP TESTS POSITIVE FOR WEST NILE VIRUS

August 3, 2018—One trap in the City of Chamblee tested positive for West Nile Virus. The trap is located in the Chamblee section of Ashford Park. The DeKalb County Board of Health monitors traps all year. Larvicide application in low-lying areas and storm drains around the positive trap area already has taken place, due to the high number of mosquitoes collected from the trap.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, no data or scientific evidence suggests that COVID-19 or other similar coronaviruses are spread by mosquitoes.

To reduce the spread of West Nile virus and other mosquito-borne diseases, the Board of Health conducts a comprehensive mosquito control program. Throughout the county, technicians routinely trap mosquitoes that are tested for viruses. They also work with residents to eliminate infestations. Measures include placing larvicide in areas with standing water, like in storm drains. This keeps young mosquitoes from becoming flying, biting adults.

The Board of Health advises people to take the following precautions:

- Reduce mosquito breeding in your yard by eliminating standing water in gutters and items such as planters, toys, wheelbarrows and old tires.
- Discourage mosquitoes from resting in your yard by trimming tall grass, weeds and vines.
- Reduce outdoor exposure at dawn and dusk, when the mosquitoes that transmit West Nile virus are most active.
- Wear a long-sleeved shirt, long pants and socks when outdoors, particularly at dawn and dusk and in areas with large numbers of mosquitoes.
- Make sure window and door screens fit tightly to keep out mosquitoes.
- Use an insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR3535. Apply according to label instructions.
- Spray clothing with products containing permethrin according to label instructions.

A trap in Brookhaven tested positive as well as a trap in unincorporated DeKalb County.

For more information about the West Nile virus and other mosquito-borne illnesses, contact the DeKalb County Board of Health's Environmental Health division at (404) 508-7900 or visit <https://www.dekalbhealth.net/envhealth/west-nile-virus/>.

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Located just 14 miles from downtown Atlanta, Chamblee is a vibrant urban city with a diverse community and international flair. The City of Chamblee began as a small rail town and was incorporated in 1908. It has grown to more than seven square miles and nearly 30,000 residents. Chamblee is home to a heavy rail MARTA station, a historic downtown and Antique Row, the vibrant Buford Highway Corridor, DeKalb-Peachtree Airport (PDK), the Centers for Disease Control and a thriving business community with a unique sense of entrepreneurship and optimism. Visit www.chambleega.gov for more information.