

Mosquitoes

The Dallas ISD is providing the following information in order to address the issues involved with the West Nile virus that is transmitted through mosquitoes. Since dusk and dawn are the most prevalent times for mosquito activity. Students are most at risk riding early morning (dawn) buses and while participating in outdoor activities that extend into dusk. The following will be helpful in minimizing exposure and providing a safe environment:

What School staff can do?

1. After a rain period of very saturating rains, try and reduce outdoor activities, such as staying in the gym, in a day or two the wet ground will dry up and reduce the mosquito activity.
2. Keep all doors and windows closed.

What We Will Do:

1. Eliminate mosquito breeding and harboring areas, i.e. standing water, buckets, etc.
2. Treat retention ponds with mosquito anti breeding bacterial(non-Poison)
3. Continue to monitor and investigate other measures as appropriate.
4. Apply a mosquito repellent to the ground in the area of mosquito activity.

What not to do:

1. Never apply pesticides to your school; interior or exterior or anywhere on campus. (This is against the law and you could be fined \$5000.00 per incident).
2. Do not apply mosquito repellent to any student.

Additional information about West Nile virus can be obtained over the internet at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/default.asp>

We hope these steps will be helpful. Please contact the Pest Control Department if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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