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Suburbs Surrounding Oak Park Spray for Mosquito Control

With seven of the 10 people in Illinois reported ill with West Nile Virus living in Cook County, ultra-low volume spraying to control the virus-carrying adult mosquitoes has begun or will happen this week in several communities surrounding Oak Park including Chicago, River Forest and Forest Park.

Although the indicators for spraying are not yet present in Oak Park and may not be present this season, the Oak Park Health Department wants the community to be aware of the possibility. Spraying is only used when other methods of controlling disease-carrying mosquitoes are not sufficient and there is a risk to human health.

The Des Plaines Valley Mosquito Abatement District, which covers Oak Park and its surrounding suburbs, monitors mosquito pools for signs of the virus. They determine when targeted spraying is appropriate, factoring in variables such as the weather and temperature.

Residents who wish to be notified prior to spraying, should it become necessary, can call the West Nile Virus Hotline at 708.358.5694. For more information on the West Nile Virus and how to protect yourself, visit the Village's website at www.oak-park.us.

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