

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Thursday, September 12, 2024

# HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO SPRAY FOR ADULT MOSQUITOES IN PARTS OF QUEENS AND BROOKLYN TO REDUCE RISK OF WEST NILE VIRUS

Trucks will spray pesticide in parts of Brooklyn-Queens and Queens on September 16 and September 18, respectively

**September 12, 2024** – To reduce mosquito activity and the risk of West Nile virus, the Health Department will conduct adulticide treatments in Queens and Brooklyn.

Trucks will spray pesticides in sections of Brooklyn and Queens beginning Monday, September 16, 2024, between the hours of 8:30 PM and 6:00 AM the following morning. In case of bad weather, application will be delayed until Tuesday, September 17, 2024, between the hours of 8:30 PM and 6:00 AM the following morning.

Trucks will spray pesticides in sections of Queens beginning on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, between the hours of 8:30 PM and 6:00 AM the following morning. In case of bad weather, application will be delayed until Thursday, September 19, 2024, between the hours of 8:30 PM and 6:00 AM the following morning.

The Health Department will use very low concentrations of Anvil® 10+10, Duet® or MERUS® 3. The risks of pesticides applied by the Health Department for mosquito control are low to people and pets. Some people who are sensitive to spray ingredients may experience short-term eye or throat irritation, or a rash. People with respiratory conditions may also be affected.

To stay safe during spraying:

- Stay indoors, whenever possible.
- Air conditioners can remain on. While unnecessary, you may wish to close air conditioner vents, or choose the recirculate function.

#### After spraying:

- Wash skin and clothing exposed to pesticides with soap and water.
- Always wash fruits and vegetables with water.

The most effective way to control mosquitoes is to eliminate any standing water. New Yorkers are also encouraged to mosquito-proof their homes and take precautions when spending time outdoors.

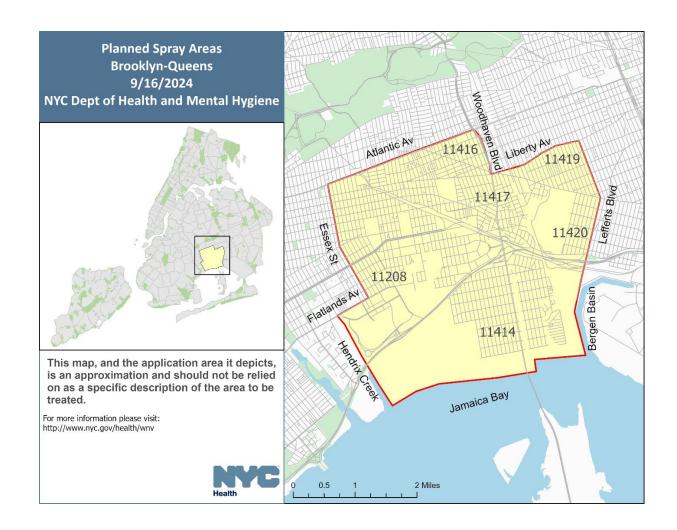
### Reducing exposure to mosquitoes

- Use an approved insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus (not for children under 3), or products that contain the active ingredient IR3535.
- Make sure windows have screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or holes.
- Eliminate any standing water from your property and dispose of containers that can collect water. Standing water is a violation of the New York City Health Code.
- Make sure roof gutters are clean and draining properly.
- Clean and chlorinate swimming pools, outdoor saunas and hot tubs. Keep them empty or covered if not in use. Drain water that collects in pool covers.

Report standing water by calling 311 or visiting <u>nyc.gov/health/wnv</u>. For more information about West Nile virus, call 311 or visit <u>nyc.gov</u>.

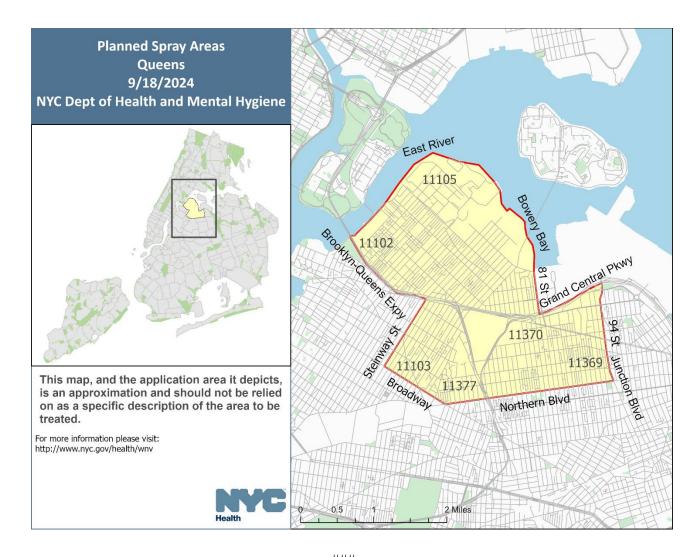
#### Locations of truck spraying in Brooklyn-Queens for Monday, September 16, 2024

Borough	Neighborhoods	Boundaries	Zip Codes
Brooklyn- Queens	Parts of City Line, East New York, Howard Beach, Lindenwood, Ozone, South Ozone Park, and Spring Creek.	Street to the West; Atlantic Avenue, Woodhaven Boulevard, Liberty Avenue to the North; Lefferts Boulevard, Bergen Basin to the East; and, Jamaica	Parts of 11208, 11414, 11416, 11417, 11419, and 11420



## Locations of truck spraying in Queens for Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Borough	Neighborhoods	Boundaries	Zip Codes
Queens	Parts of Astoria, Astoria Heights, Ditmars, East Elmhurst, Jackson Heights, and Steinway.	Bordered by Steinway Street, Brooklyn-Queens Expressway to the West; East River, Bowery Bay, 81 Street, Grand Central Parkway to the West & North; 94 <sup>th</sup> Street, Junction Boulevard to the North; and, Northern Boulevard, Broadway to the South.	Parts of 11102, 11103, 11105, 11369, 11370, and 11377.



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