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### News Release

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#### Horse Tests Positive for West Nile Virus

Results received by Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) reported a horse stabled in Brazos County has tested positive for West Nile virus (WNV). This is another indication that WNV is present in our county. Horse owners are encouraged to contact their veterinarian and have their horses vaccinated against WNV with the approved equine vaccine.

Citizens are reminded to take the following precautions:

- **Drain** standing water around the house, including tires, cans, flowerpots, rain gutters, buckets, wading pools, puddles, etc. Trim grass and shrubs and do not over water lawns and gardens.
- Wear insect repellent containing **DEET**.
- Stay indoors at **dusk** and **dawn** when mosquitoes are most active.
- **Dress** in long sleeves and pants when outdoors to prevent bites.

A press conference regarding WNV is scheduled for today at 2:00 p.m. at the Brazos County Health Department, 201 N. Texas Ave., Bryan.

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