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## News Release

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### West Nile Virus Confirmed in Humans

Four additional human cases of West Nile virus (WNV) were confirmed August 30, 2006. To date there are eight cases of human WNV in Brazos County that have been confirmed by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) laboratory. *For medical confidentiality and personal privacy reasons, Brazos County Health Department (BCHD) is not providing additional information about the patients.* One additional human case with presumptively positive lab tests is awaiting confirmation by the DSHS laboratory.

Mosquitoes collected August 24, 2006 in College Station have tested positive for WNV. The sampling location was Brison Park off West Dexter. City of College Station mosquito control personnel have been notified.

BCHD urges the public to protect themselves, their homes and their yards from mosquitoes by:

#### PROTECT YOURSELF

- When outside, wear long, loose-fitting, light-colored clothing to avoid mosquito bites.
- Use insect repellent products containing DEET.

#### PROTECT YOUR HOUSE:

- Keep doors, porches and window screens in good condition and frames sealed tightly to help keep mosquitoes out of the house.

#### PROTECT YOUR YARD

- Get rid of all standing water.
- Empty, remove, cover or turn upside down any receptacle/container that will hold standing water (gutters, bottles, cans, tires, buckets, flower pots, etc.).
- Change water in pet dishes, wading pools and birdbaths daily.
- Cover trash containers so they will not collect water.

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