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NEWS RELEASE

CITYWIDE MOSQUITO SPRAYING

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Grand Forks-The Cities of Grand Forks and East Grand Forks have scheduled citywide spraying for mosquitoes for **Thursday, September 24, 2009 between 7:30 p.m. and midnight.**

We are still in the peak season for human West Nile virus cases. The incubation period in humans (i.e., time from infection to onset of disease symptoms) for West Nile virus disease is usually 2 to 15 days. The Grand Forks Health Department urges citizens to take extra precautions to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes.

Most people infected with West Nile virus do not develop symptoms; however, sometimes mild illness results 1 to 2 weeks after exposure with symptoms such as fever, headache, body aches, skin rash, and swollen lymph nodes. This virus can be deadly and people over 50 years old are most at risk.

The adulticiding equipment is noisy and travels at 10 mph. The electric ULV's are relatively quiet. The mosquito control trucks are identified and travel with a flashing yellow light. Residents may want to go inside just before their area is sprayed and stay inside for 20-30 minutes until the aerosol cloud dissipates. Residents should not run, walk or bike directly through the aerosol cloud behind the insecticide sprayer. Also, anyone who is sensitive to chemicals may want to close their windows during the ground spraying.

To ensure spray effectiveness during the spraying operations, the wind must be 10 mph or less and no inclement weather present. Winds higher than 10 mph or inclement weather will result in the spraying being suspended until conditions improve.

For more information about trap counts and the Grand Forks Mosquito Control Program call 787-8144 or visit our web site at: www.gfmosquito.com