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Coastal flooding has enabled persistent flood water mosquitoes to flourish. Ahead of the July 4th holiday the district will support ground spray operations with aerial spray missions over the next several nights. Planned sorties will begin **tonight (6/26)**, Thursday **(6/27)**, Friday **(6/28)** and Saturday **(6/29)** if needed. Each evening will be evaluated for the appropriate weather conditions. Operations will begin each evening near sundown and last approximately one (1.5) and one half hours.

During this period, only hypersensitive individuals or persons that wish to avoid all exposure to chemicals in the designated spray area should refrain from outdoor activities; otherwise, all other citizens can proceed with normal outdoor activities!

Citizens will notice low flying aircraft --- If the aircraft is overhead DO NOT attempt to follow the path of the aircraft. The aircraft is traveling quickly and will be out of the area in a brief period!

Sorties planned **this evening (6/26)** will focus on **Rip Van Winkle**, Hwy. 14 east to Avery Island Rd. and all points in between. Operations **Thursday (6/27)** will be south of Hwy. 90, east to west from Patoutville, **Lydia, Bayou Jack** to west of Avery Island. **Friday (6/28) Avery Island** will be the primary target of operations and **Saturday (6/29)** operations will be south of Hwy.90, east to west, south **Port of Iberia, Rynella** and Laurent to just west of Avery Island Rd.

If you have any questions or mosquito related problems, feel free to contact our office at (337) 365-4933. Please visit us on the web www.iberiaparishgovernment.com and click on "Mosquito Control" --- like us on Facebook for the latest. For more information about West Nile Virus, other mosquito – borne diseases and pesticides for mosquito control please visit www.cdc.gov and www.epa.gov.

For information regarding pesticides (Naled[®]) used for aerial spraying visit www.epa.gov or <https://www.epa.gov/mosquitocontrol/naled-mosquito-control>

Any questions after office hours please contact Herff Jones (337) 380-7140