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The District is urging citizens to follow simple guidelines to protect against mosquito bites during the height of WNV and encephalitis transmission season. Prevention is a team effort. We need citizens to take personal protective measures to avoid exposure to mosquito - borne diseases. The District will do their part to reduce risk with ground and aerial spray operations as dictated by mosquito surveillance and best practices. The district will conduct aerial operations over the next three (3) evenings starting this evening Tuesday 8/13 through Thursday 8/15. It is imperative that citizens keep insect repellent handy, wear light colored clothing with long sleeves and long pants when outdoors and get rid of mosquito breeding sites near the home!

If weather allows, aerial operations will begin near sunset and last approximately one (1.5) and one-half hours. Weather conditions can alter the intended schedule; please expect modifications as needed.

Tuesday (8/13) Delcambre / Jefferson Island, Bob Acres and Longside Rd.

Wednesday (8/14) Shirley, Lake Peigneur Rd., Leleux Rd., Migues, Hwy 14 to Angel Dr.

Thursday (8/15) Sugar Oaks, Daspit, Vida Shaw, Loreauville, Sugar Oaks golf course.

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!

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". For more information about West Nile Virus 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

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