



For Immediate Release  
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## Cherokee County and City of Gaffney – (Human) West Nile Virus

**GAFFNEY, S.C.** – Cherokee County has received notification from SCDHEC that a human has tested positive for West Nile Virus. The response area is in the southern portion of the City of Gaffney and surrounding areas.

Information related to West Nile Virus and mosquito control can be found on the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) website at the following link: <https://scdhec.gov/homeandenvironment/insects/mosquitoes>. Cherokee County and the City of Gaffney will notify local media outlets and residents of mosquito control activities which will consist of the following methods:

- Spraying of adulticiding (mosquito control agent) as per SCDHEC recommendations by spray truck application will begin over the weekend and will consist of a second application within 72 hours – weather permitting.
- Additional application(s) of adulticiding treatment(s) will be in 10-14 day intervals from the initial application (Information on the dates of these treatments will be posted on the Cherokee County website at: [www.cherokeecountysc.gov](http://www.cherokeecountysc.gov)).
- There will also be a larviciding treatment which will consist of using 45-day briquettes in storm drains and obvious mosquito breeding areas on public properties and rights of way.
- Please see all attachments included with this notice

Additionally, there will be a door-to-door dissemination of public education materials by local officials as required by DHEC guidelines.

All emergency services related inquiries should be directed to Rick Peterson, Cherokee County Emergency Management Director at [rick.peterson@cherokeecountysc.com](mailto:rick.peterson@cherokeecountysc.com).

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