

Dear Parents:

The \_\_\_\_\_ ISD is providing the following information in order to address the issues involved with the West Nile virus that is transmitted through mosquitoes. Since dusk and dawn are the most prevalent times for mosquito activity, we believe that students are most likely at risk riding very early morning (dawn) buses and while participating in outdoor activities and practices that extend into dusk. The following will be helpful in minimizing exposure and providing a safe environment:

What You May Want to Do As Parents:

1. Use mosquito repellent sprays or lotions before leaving for school.
2. Send a mosquito lotion to school. On the label, it is recommended that you look for the word "deet" or diethyl-m-toulamide." Sprays cannot be sent to school, since they pose the risk of accidental exposure to other students who could be allergic. The school district will not be able to supply repellents of any type. Parents are encouraged to instruct their children in the proper use and application of lotions, since it will be retained in the child's possession (backpack, locker, etc.) for use when going outside for activities or practices.
3. Send a note to the teacher if your child has a physical impairment that makes it impossible to self apply a lotion.

What We Will Do:

1. Eliminate mosquito breeding and harboring areas, i.e. standing water, buckets, tires, etc.
2. Mow frequently
3. Treat retention ponds
4. Suspend outdoor activities whenever mosquitoes are especially active
5. Solicit support from the county for spraying areas near the school.
6. Continue to monitor and investigate other measures as appropriate.

Additional information about West Nile virus can be obtained over the internet at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/default.asp>

We hope all of these steps will be helpful. Please contact the school if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*(Principals or Superintendents name)*

*Adopted from Klein ISD.*