



For Town Officials:

Communicating with your residents about WNV/EEE

What can we do to increase WNV/EEE awareness?

Disseminate the Vermont Department of Health’s “Prevent Mosquito-borne Disease” and “How Do I Choose an Insect Repellent?” flyers

- Distribute copies at your library, town hall, grocery store, pharmacy, senior center, community centers and at outdoor events. Make sure that local doctor’s offices, hospitals, schools, nursing homes and day care centers have the updated version available for their patients and families. The flyers can be downloaded from <http://healthvermont.gov/prevent/arbovirus/resources.aspx>

In addition, you can

- Post information on your town’s website.
- Include WNV/EEE information in local town brochures/newsletters/pamphlets.
- Incorporate WNV/EEE into health education in schools.
- Include WNV/EEE educational material in local and regional newspapers.
- Incorporate WNV/EEE education into local television cable shows.
- If available in your community, use “reverse 911” to alert residents about risk and interventions.
- Incorporate WNV/EEE education into radio broadcasts.
- Distribute information at local events, such as health fairs.
- Arrange neighborhood cleanups to get rid of mosquito breeding sites.

Where can we find all the information we need quickly and easily?

The Vermont Department of Health website will contain the most up-to-date fact sheets and flyers. Go to <http://healthvermont.gov/prevent/arbovirus/index.aspx> (Hint: You can easily get back to this site by going to the health department homepage at www.healthvermont.gov and using the A-Z index and searching for “Mosquito-borne Diseases”)

- Current and historical arbovirus activity data in Vermont
- WNV & EEE Fact Sheets
- Recommendations on use of mosquito repellents
- Recommendations on preventing mosquito bites