

Mosquito Spraying Alert

To Prevent Mosquito-borne Diseases

Sept. 7, 2012 - 7:30 to 11:00 p.m.



The first two human cases of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) in Vermont were confirmed on Sept. 1. EEE is a rare but terrible disease spread by the bite of an infected mosquito. Mosquito pools in the swampy areas of Brandon and Whiting have tested positive for both EEE and West Nile virus. Because the risk to public health is significant, state health and agriculture officials have planned targeted aerial spraying of this area for the date above if weather conditions allow. Stay tuned to the news, healthvermont.gov, or dial 2-1-1.

Actions you should take:

- Stay inside or out of the area during spraying and for 30 minutes after spraying. If possible, keep pets inside too.
- Close windows, doors and outside vents before spraying begins to circulate indoor air. You can reopen 30 minutes after spraying.
- If you come in direct contact with spray, protect your eyes. If you get spray in your eyes, rinse with water immediately.
- If you come in direct contact with spray, wash exposed skin.
- Wash clothes that come in direct contact with spray separately from other laundry.
- Consult your health care provider if you think you are experiencing health effects from spraying.

Actions you may want to take:

- Pick fruit and vegetables you expect to eat soon before spraying begins. As always, wash produce before cooking or eating.
- Bring laundry and small toys inside before spraying. Cover outdoor tables and play equipment before spraying, or wash them off with detergent and water after spraying.
- Bring pet food and water dishes inside, and cover fish ponds.
- If spraying just happened, avoid contact with outdoor surfaces. Wash hands or skin that has touched these surfaces.

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