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EEE Detected in More Mosquitos in Sudbury and Whiting

Health Department urges Vermonters to take action to fight the bite.



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BURLINGTON – Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) virus has been detected for the first time this season in mosquitoes in Sudbury. The mosquitoes were collected by the Agency of Agriculture on August 19, and confirmed by the Health Department Laboratory today.

EEE has also been detected in two more pools (batches) of mosquitoes collected on August 14 and 19 from the same area of Whiting where mosquitoes have tested positive already.

This year, West Nile virus has been detected in Leicester, Whiting, Pittsford, Brandon, Shoreham and Fairfax. Both EEE and West Nile virus are spread to people and some animals through the bite of an infected mosquito.

Last night, the Agency of Agriculture managed an aerial pesticide spraying operation over a 2-mile radius centered on the swampy area of Whiting north of Stickney Road.

A second treatment is scheduled for Tuesday, August 27, weather permitting.

The Health Department continues to urge everyone to take actions to avoid mosquito bites, no matter where you live.

For extensive information about mosquito-borne illness, the spraying plan and precautions to take:
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