Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) Meeting in Franklin County

Health and Agriculture to provide information at Swanton Village Complex

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BURLINGTON – Two horses in Franklin County died last summer from Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE), marking the first time the mosquito-borne illness has been detected in the northwest corner of the state. Although only horses were affected last summer, people can also become infected resulting in a severe and sometimes fatal illness.

The Health Department and Agency of Agriculture are hosting an informational meeting on April 10 (5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.) at the Swanton Village Complex (120 First Street) to discuss plans to trap and test mosquitos and conduct surveillance for human and animal illness throughout the summer.

“We want people to come to the meeting and ask questions,” said Erica Berl, an infectious disease epidemiologist. “We want them to know there are actions they can take to reduce their risk of infection.”

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