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## Final EEE Research Study Clinic Held May 29 in Whiting



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BRANDON – The last of three Eastern Equine Encephalitis virus (EEE) research study clinics will be held on May 29, 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Whiting Town Hall.

The first two clinics, held in April and early May, at the Brandon Senior Center and Sudbury Town Hall were well attended. A total of 316 volunteers have donated blood samples that will be tested for antibodies to EEE.

Anyone age 12 and older who has lived at their current residence in Brandon, Whiting or Sudbury since June 1, 2012 can participate. Volunteers will be screened for eligibility and there is no sign up required in advance.

Eligible participants will be asked to complete a brief survey, and trained nurses will collect the blood sample. The Health Department wants to learn if many people have been infected with EEE virus but did not get sick. Individual test results will not be shared with participants. All information collected during the study will be confidential.

The Health Department is conducting the study in partnership with Boston Children's Hospital and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). EEE is a potentially fatal viral disease spread to people and horses through the bite of an infected mosquito.

Last fall two Vermonters died from EEE. Both lived in areas where mosquitoes had tested positive for EEE virus.

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