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Aerial Mosquito Spraying Planned for Addison and Rutland Counties

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BURLINGTON – The Vermont Department of Health and Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, 7 p.m. at the Brandon Town Hall to discuss the planned aerial application of pesticide in areas of Addison and Rutland Counties targeted at the mosquitoes that carry Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and West Nile virus.

The Health Department recently confirmed the first two human cases of EEE in Vermont from the Addison and Rutland County area where mosquito pools recently tested positive for EEE and West Nile virus. Both individuals remain hospitalized.

Health Commissioner Harry Chen, MD, determined that the pesticide application is warranted to mitigate the significant public health risk posed by the infected mosquitoes in these areas. Health and agriculture officials are finalizing plans for aerial spraying in designated areas as soon as weather conditions allow. Spraying could be done as early as Wednesday evening.

The spraying will have two centers for treatment near Brandon and Whiting using a pesticide (Sumithrin) that is frequently used to control insects in homes and gardens and on pets. Ground pesticide spraying by the Brandon, Leicester, Salisbury, Goshen Mosquito District has been underway at area campgrounds, schools, the Neshobe Golf Club and along roadways in the Forest Brook Development.

Alan Graham, an entomologist with the Agency of Agriculture, will also be available at the public meeting in Brandon on Tuesday to provide an overview of the plan for spraying and answer questions.

[Read the State Arbovirus Surveillance and Response Plan](#)

For more information on mosquito-borne illness, go to the Health Department's website at:
<http://healthvermont.gov/prevent/arbovirus/index.aspx>.

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