



Department of Health  
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## Aerial Mosquito Spraying Scheduled for Completion Tonight

*Spraying to be completed from 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.*

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BURLINGTON – Aerial spraying of mosquito pesticide from a fixed wing aircraft over areas near mosquito pools that have tested positive for Eastern Equine Encephalitis in Brandon and Whiting was halted last night due to weather conditions and safety concerns (lightning and poor visibility).

Spraying will be completed tonight (7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.). In the Whiting block, the spraying will take place along Stickney Road and south. The previously identified Brandon area will be sprayed in its entirety.

The pesticide Anvil 10+10 (Sumithrin) will be sprayed in very low volume concentrations at dusk when mosquitoes are most active. The time was changed from 8 p.m. last night to 7:30 p.m. this evening to allow for improved safety and visibility.

For a map and more information about spraying and precautions to take for people and animals, go to [www.healthvermont.gov](http://www.healthvermont.gov), [www.vermontagriculture.com](http://www.vermontagriculture.com), or dial 2-1-1.

The pesticide application is warranted to mitigate the significant public health risk posed by the infected mosquitoes in these areas, according to Health Commissioner Harry Chen, MD.

If exposed to these low levels of Anvil, the risk of health effects for people and other mammals is very low. **To avoid any exposure, people in the spraying zones should take the following precautions:**

- Stay inside or away from the area during spraying and for about 30 minutes afterwards. Keep pets with their food and water inside too.
- Close windows and doors, turn off fans and outside vents before spraying begins.
- If you come into contact with spray, rinse eyes with water immediately. Wash exposed skin. Wash clothes that come in direct contact with spray separately from other laundry.
- As always, consult your health care provider if you have health problems.
- For livestock, provide water only in a covered area, or empty and turn water troughs upside down. Do not refill them until the morning. Or cover water troughs for the night. Prevent livestock from grazing on exposed pastures during the night of spraying.

All Vermonters should take the following actions to protect themselves from mosquito bites and risk of infection from EEE and West Nile virus:

- Limit the amount of time spent outdoors at dawn and dusk.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants outside when mosquitoes are active.
- Use **insect repellents** labeled as being effective against mosquitoes.
- Remove standing water around your house.

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