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Madison County Reports EEE Virus in Mosquito Pool in Town of Sullivan

Sullivan, NY - Madison County Health Department was notified by the New York State Department of Health Wadsworth Laboratory that a mosquito pool from a trap located on Moore Road in the Town of Sullivan has tested positive for the Eastern Equine Encephalitis virus (EEEV). The type of mosquito identified is primarily a bird-biting species.

This first positive finding of EEEV in mosquitoes reminds us that mosquito-borne disease is present in the area and residents should take steps daily to prevent mosquito bites, no matter where you live.

“The EEEV can be spread to a persons from the bite of an infected mosquito; therefore it is very important that you use personal protection measures to prevent mosquito bites,” said Madison County’s Public health Director Eric Faisst.

Prevent Mosquito Bites

Personal protection steps to take during outdoor activities include wearing shoes, socks, long pants, and a long-sleeved shirt. Mosquito repellent containing DEET, Picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus, para-menthane-diol, or 2-undecanone is also recommended to prevent mosquito bites according to manufacturer’s recommendations.

Visit the EPA’s insect repellent selection tool to help choose the right product for your needs at <https://www.epa.gov/insect-repellents/find-repellent-right-you>.

Take steps to decrease mosquitoes around your home and yard by removing places for mosquitoes to breed:

- Remove or drain any pots, containers, or other items that hold water every four days
- Clean clogged rain gutters
- Turn over wading pools when not in use
- Change water in bird baths at least every four days

- Drain water from pool covers
- Use landscaping to get rid of low spots in your yard where standing water puddles



EEEv is a rare but serious disease that causes encephalitis or inflammation of the brain. People over the age of 50 and younger than the age of 15 are at greatest risk for developing severe disease when infected with EEEv.

For more information or to view Madison County's weekly mosquito test results, go to the Department's website at www.healthymadisoncounty.org.

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