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Madison County Aerial Spraying after Additional EEE and WNV Found

Madison County, NY—Mosquito surveillance activities by Madison County have detected more evidence of mosquito-borne disease that can make people sick. The most recent mosquito pools collected the week of August 5th came back with additional detections of Eastern Equine Encephalitis in the Town of Sullivan. Due to the continued detection of disease in mosquito pools and favorable warm temperatures, **Madison County Public Health is making plans to conduct aerial spraying in the Town of Sullivan.**

Aerial spraying is scheduled to take place Friday, August 15, 2025 between 6:00-10:00pm in the Town of Sullivan with the *approximate boundaries as follows:* South of Route 31, West of Lakeport Road, North of Fyler Road, and East of Bridgeport-Kirkville Road. Spraying is dependent on weather conditions and ensuring the public is properly notified. To view a [map](#) of the area for aerial spraying, visit: <http://bit.ly/4mHtP6m>.

Messaging will be pushed out to residents in the spray area by landline telephone and by text message to cell phones using the NY-Alert system. **Residents in the spray area are encouraged to self-enroll in NY-Alert** to ensure receipt of emergency notifications at <https://alert.ny.gov/sign-up-ny-alert>. Information is also posted on the Madison County Public Health website, www.healthymadisoncounty.org.

If weather and conditions are unfavorable Friday, spraying will occur Saturday night between 6:00-10:00pm, weather permitting. Residents will be notified through local news media, social media, and information will be posted on the Madison County Public Health website.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation issued a permit for aerial spraying to Madison County Public Health under the guidance of the New York State Department of Health. The county has contracted with Duflo Spray-Chemical to conduct the aerial spraying. The product used for aerial spraying is Kontrol 30-30, applied in a diluted form. The pesticide is registered with the Environmental Protection Agency and the New York State Division of Environmental Conservation for this use. A copy of the [pesticide label](#) and [safety](#)

[data sheet \(SDS\)](#) is available on the Madison County Public Health [website](#). A written copy of the label and SDS can be provided by calling 315-366-2361.

Spraying is a **temporary control measure** to interrupt the virus cycle in mosquito populations. Aerial spraying may lower adult mosquito populations able to spread disease for up to two weeks; it does not eliminate all mosquitoes or the risk of mosquito borne illness.

Although chances of experiencing any health effects from spraying are low, there are simple precautions to minimize pesticide exposure when aerial spraying:

- Stay indoors and keep your windows closed during the spraying hours and for an additional 30 minutes after the area has been sprayed.
- Keep your pets indoors if possible. Bring pet food and water dishes inside, or if left outdoors, wash with soap and water after spraying occurs.
- Set your window air conditioners to circulate indoor air. It is safe to use your central air conditioning.
- Pick homegrown fruits and vegetables you expect to eat soon before spraying takes place. Rinse all fruits and vegetables thoroughly with water before cooking or eating.
- Cover outdoor tables and play equipment before spraying or wash them off with detergent and water after they have been sprayed.
- Bring laundry and small toys inside before spraying begins or wash with detergent and water if exposed to pesticides during spraying.
- Close your car windows and car vents if you are driving during the spraying.

Madison County Public Health urges residents to use personal protection measures to avoid mosquito bites when spending time outdoors while mosquitoes remain active.

For more information on viruses spread by mosquitoes and personal protection measures, visit the Madison County Public Health's website at www.healthymadisoncounty.org or call 315-366-2361.

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