

Outdoor Organized Activity Ban – EEE & Mosquitoes
Risk Level “Critical” in Hamilton

Recently a horse in Essex was found to have a mosquito-borne disease, Eastern Equine Encephalitis. Due to the types of mosquitoes found in Hamilton, and the similar environments of the two towns, Hamilton’s risk level has been raised, along with that of Essex, to the highest risk level of “Critical” for EEE. All towns that surround Essex and Hamilton have had their risk levels raised to “High”.

Effective immediately, the Hamilton Board of Health has enacted a ban on all organized outdoor activities between the hours of 5:00 pm and 8:00 am until the threat level from mosquito borne viruses has been lowered or until the date of the first hard frost.

The Board of Health reminds all residents to continue to take the following precautions to avoid mosquito bites:

- * make sure all window and door screens are in good repair
- * remove all standing water from your property and encourage your neighbors to do the same
- * use mosquito repellent, read and follow application instructions
- * wear long-sleeved shirts and pants when outdoors, especially between dusk and dawn
- * use mosquito netting on baby carriages
- * avoid areas where there is obvious mosquito activity

More information is available on the Hamilton Board of Health website, at: www.hamiltonma.gov