

EEE CRITICAL RISK HEALTH ALERT

The Rochester Board of Health is aware that the first human case of EEE has been identified in the area.

Residents are urged to continue to use personal protective measures to prevent mosquito bites. These measures should be used until the first killing frost.

The Board of Health recognizes that residents have an important role to play in protecting themselves and their loved ones from illness caused by mosquitoes. Measures that residents should take to prevent mosquito bites include:

1. Apply insect repellent when outdoors.
2. Be aware of peak mosquito hours from dusk to dawn. Consider rescheduling outdoor activities that occur during evening or early morning in areas of high risk.
3. Wearing long sleeves, long pants and socks when outdoors will help keep mosquitoes away from your skin.
4. Mosquito proof your home by draining standing water, cleaning rain gutters, and repairing screens.
5. Protect your animals. Water troughs are excellent mosquito breeding habitats and should be flushed out weekly during the summer months to reduce mosquitos.

For the most up to date information available on aerial spraying locations, visit

<https://massnrc.org/spray-map>