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Monthly Update

Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) has been detected in numerous towns in southeastern NH including two human cases with one death, four horse deaths and numerous mosquito batches. Surrounding states also have increased EEE activity. Massachusetts is experiencing very high levels of EEE with four human cases, two horses and nearly 100 batches of mosquito.

Eastern Equine Encephalitis is rare, but very serious. Over 30% of people with EEE die, and many survivors have ongoing neurologic problems. Symptoms of Eastern Equine Encephalitis can include fever, headache, vomiting, diarrhea, seizures, behavioral changes, and drowsiness. There is no treatment for EEE only supportive care. Reduce your risk by avoiding mosquito bites.

The most recent arboviral disease this season:

- A Hampstead man died from EEE
- The State has confirmed a man from Kensington has EEE
- Four horses died from Eastern Equine Encephalitis in NH
- Mosquitoes from Danville, East Kingston, Fremont, Hampstead, Kensington, Kingston Newton, North Hampton, & Stratham tested positive for EEE
- Mosquitoes collected in Portsmouth tested positive for West Nile Virus

In August, Dragon has:

- Checked mosquito breeding sites and treated as needed with Bti
- Emptied man-made containers where mosquito larvae were found
- Educated homeowners about mosquito breeding in containers
- Trapped adult mosquitoes in fixed locations throughout town
- Processed and identified adult mosquitoes to species
- Sent adult mosquito species to the State Lab in Concord for disease testing

Dragon will continue treating standing water and trapping adult mosquitoes until the season ends in late fall. The State Lab in Concord will test mosquitoes for diseases into the middle of October. The threat of mosquitoes carrying disease won't diminish until we have a hard freeze or snow on the ground. All mosquitoes will enter hibernation or die off once temperatures remain below freezing.