

ATTENTION LOCAL HORSE OWNERS AND RESIDENTS

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EASTERN EQUINE ENCEPHALITIS (EEE)

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-- EEE is active in your area --



EEE is a virus transmitted by mosquito bites and can be deadly to horses, deer, birds, and humans. Most persons infected with EEE have no apparent illness. Severe cases of EEE (involving encephalitis, an inflammation of the brain) begin with the sudden onset of headache, high fever, chills, and vomiting. Approximately 1/3 of severe cases are fatal. The mosquitoes that transmit (EEE) breed in certain types of swamps, bogs, and wetlands. People living near such areas (within 5 - miles), especially children and the elderly, are particularly at risk.

MAKE SURE YOUR HORSES ARE VACCINATED and TAKE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST MOSQUITO BITES

- Avoid exposure to peak mosquito feeding activity - dawn/dusk.
- Make sure window screens are intact.
- Use a repellent when outdoors - effective choices should include active ingredients of DEET, Picaridin, or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus.
- Support local mosquito control efforts.

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