



Town of Derry
"Derry, New Hampshire's Place to Be"

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Town of Derry, Bureau of Public Health, in conjunction with Pinkerton Academy would like to inform you that Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) has been found in mosquitoes and birds in towns surrounding Derry.

EEE is a disease caused by a virus transmitted from the bite of an infected mosquito. EEE is a rare disease, but can be serious for some people who become infected.

The Town of Derry Bureau of Public Health is working closely with area schools to ensure that accurate information is being shared with the community. EEE is a disease that can be prevented. The best way to prevent being infected with EEE is to prevent being bitten by mosquitoes.

Please remember that mosquitoes are more active at dawn and dusk. School-associated outdoor activities do not typically occur during those times. However, you may want to use insect repellent on your child who is waiting outside for their bus in the morning. We also recommend common sense precautions such as wearing long sleeves and long pants while outside during peak mosquito activity (dawn and dusk) and removing any standing water from around your home. Please refer to the *Prevention Guidelines* that are being provided with this letter for more information on how you can reduce the risk of infection from EEE for your family.

If you should have any questions regarding EEE, the State of NH Department of Health and Human Services has more information on their website at www.dhhs.nh.gov. They have also established a hotline should you need to speak with someone. That number is: 1-866-273-6453.

Sincerely,



Kerran Vigroux, Director