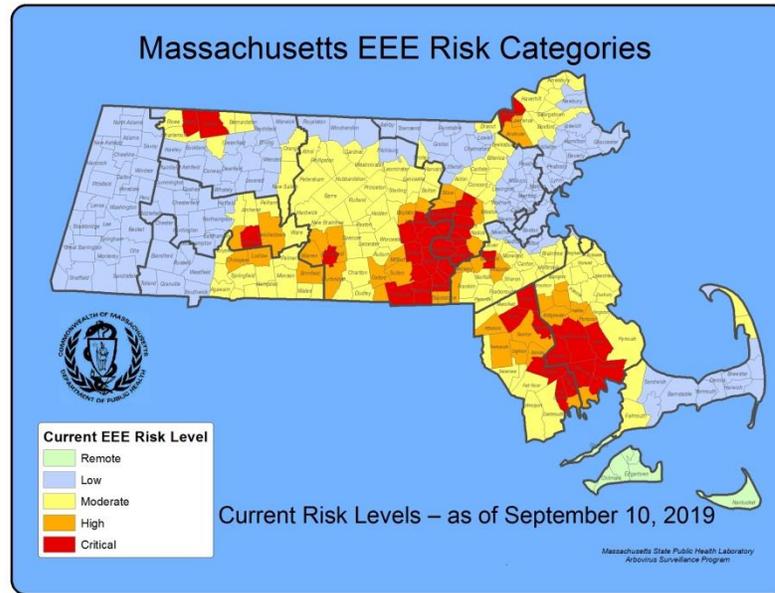




Informational Update as of 9/10/2019:

HUDSON: State officials announce additional aerial spraying for EEE in critical and high risk communities



The Hudson Board of Health, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH), the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) are urging residents to continue to take personal precautions to prevent mosquito bites as they announced additional aerial spraying for mosquitoes in areas of the state at critical and high risk for the Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) virus.

Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) is scheduled to begin aerial spraying this evening and continue into next week in parts of Middlesex, Worcester, and Norfolk counties. While aerial spraying is weather and equipment dependent, above-average evening temperatures this week are likely to permit the application. **The Town of Hudson is entirely within the spray zone.**

MDAR Aerial Spray Map

For the latest spray updates, please refer to the MDAR Aerial Spray Map: <https://massnrc.org/spray-map/>

- The map will display a polygon representing the areas to be sprayed. The map is searchable by address—residents can enter their address to determine if their address is in the spray zone.
- The map will be updated each day to reflect the last evening’s spray area. Please note map preparation takes time and may result in some delays in posting.



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Recommended cancellation times for outdoor activities in high risk areas:

Due to the elevated risk level, it is strongly recommended to refrain from outdoor activities from dusk to dawn when mosquito activity is at its highest. The types of mosquitoes most likely to transmit EEE infection are likely to be out searching for food (an animal to bite) at dusk, the time period between when the sun sets and it gets completely dark. The exact timing of this increased activity is influenced by many factors including temperature, cloud cover, wind and precipitation and cannot be predicted precisely for any given day. Here, the approximate time of sunset and sunrise were used to establish standardized recommendations for cancellation and morning start times of outdoor activities during periods of high EEE risk. *This does not eliminate risk nor does it alleviate the need for the use of repellants or clothing for protection from mosquitoes.*

Week of	Time of Dusk	Time of Dawn
September 8, 2019	7:15 PM	5:45 AM
September 15, 2019	7:00 PM	6:00 AM
September 22, 2019	6:45 PM	6:00 AM
September 29, 2019	6:30 PM	6:15 AM
October 6, 2019	6:30 PM	6:15 AM
October 13, 2019	6:15 PM	6:30 AM
October 20, 2019	6:00 PM	6:30 AM
October 27, 2019	6:00 PM	6:45 AM

Important links

For updated risk levels, please visit the mosquito results website: www.mosquitoreresults.com

For the most up-to-date information, Q&As, and downloadable fact sheets about EEE in multiple languages visit the DPH webpage <https://www.mass.gov/eee>.

For questions about aerial spraying, contact MDAR Crop and Pest Services at (617) 626-1700.

WNV and EEE in Animals fact sheet: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/wnv-and-eee-in-animals>
Direct questions to MDAR Division of Animal Health at 617-626-1795

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