

MEMO

Central Mass. Mosquito Control Project

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DATE: Aug. 21, 2017
SUBJECT: Mosquito Control Update
TO: CMMCP member Boards of Health
FROM: Timothy Deschamps, Executive Director

The standard residential spraying program will cease at the end of August due to reduced mosquito populations and decreasing service requests from residents. As we get closer to the end of summer, cooler night time temperatures tend to predominate. Low temperatures reduce mosquito activity and the effectiveness of the pesticide. Spraying is not allowed until after sunset, and is prohibited at temperatures below 50°F due to label restrictions.

West Nile Virus has been found in many areas in Mass. this year, with no human cases to date. **We are entering into the highest risk part of the season, a time where spraying interventions may not always be possible.** Our surveillance staff will continue to trap, identify and test mosquitoes until MDPH ends the testing program, typically mid-October. Please continue to push the message of exercising caution when outside, using repellents and wearing long sleeved shirts and long pants whenever possible.

If virus is identified in your community, we will coordinate with you to determine the appropriate response. Risk from mosquito-borne disease may be present even after spraying, and may be present until we have several widespread, killing frosts.

On our website we post weekly information from our arbovirus surveillance program: <http://www.cmmcp.org/summary.htm>. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, and you can log on to our website at any time at <http://www.cmmcp.org> for additional information.

Thank you

cc: Member City/Town Clerks
Member Police Departments



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