

2013 Mosquito Season Findings

October 11, 2013: There were NO findings of EEE or WNV in Mosquitoes trapped in Topsfield this past week. This concludes the NEMMC testing season. However, residents are urged to continue to use protective measures against mosquito bites until the first hard frost of the season: two or more hours below 32' F. This includes the use of mosquito repellent according to label directions, wearing long sleeves and long pants outdoors during the hours when mosquitoes are most active (dusk to dawn) and removing all standing water in your yard where mosquitoes may breed.

October 4, 2013: No Positive Findings in Topsfield This Week

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) and the Northeast Massachusetts Mosquito Control (NEMMC) announced today that mosquito traps tested this week had no positive findings for EEE or WNV. As in previous weeks, residents are reminded to be aware that the hours between dusk and dawn are the most active for the mosquitoes most likely to carry EEE or WNV. Residents are urged to use mosquito repellent according to label directions, wear long pants and long sleeves to protect from mosquito bites and rid your yard of standing water where mosquitoes may breed. Weekly testing is scheduled to continue until mid-October.

September 27, 2013: No Positive Findings In Topsfield This Week

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September 20, 2013: No Positive Findings In Topsfield This Week

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September 13, 2013: EEE Found in Mosquito Trap in Topsfield

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) and the Northeast Massachusetts Mosquito Control (NEMMC) announced today that a mosquito trap tested positive for Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) this week in Topsfield. Health Agent John Coulon and the Topsfield Board of Health will follow

MDPH and NEMMC guidelines in response to this finding, including selective spraying of mosquito adulticide. The findings of EEE and West Nile Virus (WNV) are not unexpected at this time of year, and testing of mosquitoes will continue.

September 6, 2013: WNV Found in Bird Biting Mosquito Species in Topsfield

Northeast Massachusetts Mosquito Control has informed the Topsfield Board of Health that a bird biting species of mosquito trapped in the Pye Brook area of Topsfield tested positive for West Nile Virus this past week. No spraying is planned at this time.

September 4, 2013:: State Officials Announce Third Horse Diagnosed with EEE in Massachusetts (pdf)

August 30, 2013:

There were no positive findings in Topsfield this week but testing indicated a third WNV infected pool in Middleton.

More widespread WNV infected mosquito pools state-wide but this is expected at this time

August 23, 2013:

Earlier today, MDPH communicated that there were no positive findings of EEE or WNV in mosquito pools tested in the town of Topsfield this week. The cumulative August 23 data for MA can be viewed at <http://westnile.ashtonweb.com/>.

August 16, 2013:

Earlier today, MDPH communicated to Local Boards Of Health in our area that five municipalities in Essex County have had mosquito pools found positive for West Nile. These are Lynn, Lynnfield, Newburyport, Salem and Saugus. The cumulative August 16 data for MA can be viewed at <http://westnile.ashtonweb.com/>.

August 9, 2013:

Earlier today, MDPH communicated to Local Boards Of Health in our area that Middleton has its first mosquito pool found positive for West Nile. The Middleton Board Of Health is preparing a news release and is executing a plan of action. The mosquitoes are "bird-biters", meaning they favor birds. The cumulative August 9 data for MA can be viewed at

<http://westnile.ashtonweb.com/>