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Dear Timberlane Parents and Guardians,

We have received notification that mosquito-borne illnesses have been detected within the Timberlane communities; Sandown has tested positive for Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and area communities have tested positive for both EEE and West Nile Virus (WNV).

We are working with Timberlane communities to ensure appropriate mosquito spraying on school properties. At this time, all students will continue to recess outside UNLESS permission is given for students to recess inside. *Parents should email their schools directly should they opt to keep their student inside.*

Afterschool sports programs will also be modifying their schedules to ensure students are off practice and game fields by 6pm when possible.

We want to remind everyone to continue to take steps to prevent being bitten by mosquitoes by eliminating standing water on their property. Check kiddie pools, dog bowls, canoes, boats, tarps, tires, trash barrels, bird baths, etc. To get rid of mosquito larvae, get rid of the water. It is reported that it takes two hard freezes to kill all the mosquitoes. The risk is not zero until there is snow on the ground.

You can protect yourself and your family from mosquito-borne illnesses with a few simple steps.

- Reduce outdoor activities from ½ hour before dusk until 8:00 AM.
- Use mosquito repellent containing DEET.
- Wear long sleeves and pants.
- Check around your home for standing water and remove it.
- Ensure window and door screens fit properly so that mosquitoes cannot enter your home.

If you would like more information about mosquitoes, West Nile Virus or Eastern Equine Encephalitis, log onto www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/arboviral/index.htm.

Sincerely,

Dr. Earl Metzler

Superintendent of Schools

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