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Hello Lincoln Community Members,

In response to the continued threat of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE), the Town is taking additional precautions to avoid unnecessary public contact with virus infected mosquitoes.

- 1) As recommended by our local Board of Health, we are now canceling all outdoor activities and closing all outdoor facilities (including athletic fields, tennis courts, public parks, playgrounds, and sport courts) between **6 PM and 6 AM** until further notice. This includes school- and community-sponsored athletic events, practices, and all other organized activities scheduled to take place outdoors.
- 2) The Board of Health has authorized the professional application of a **ground spray to the woodland edges of three sites: 1) the Ballfield Road Campus, 2) the Town Hall / Pierce Park / Pierce House Campus, and 3) the Wang Athletic Field / Birches School Campus.** We will use the Maverik Perimeter product, as it is created for spaces that are utilized by children and pets. You can view the product safety data sheet [HERE](#).

The applications will be made in the evenings, and we expect that to happen during the week of September 16. Proper signage will be posted. The product will be sprayed on the large vegetation on the perimeters of the properties. Fields will not be sprayed directly, and can be used at any point without concern.

We continue to encourage residents to take steps to reduce their chance of exposure:

- 1) **Apply Insect Repellent when Outdoors at ANY TIME.** Use a repellent with an EPA-registered ingredient (DEET, permethrin, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus) according to the instructions on the product label. DEET products should not be used on infants under 2 months of age and in concentrations of 30% or less on older children. Oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under 3 years of age.
- 2) **Be Aware of Peak Mosquito Hours.** The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for many mosquitoes. Avoid being outdoors during these evening or early morning hours.
- 3) **Wear Clothing To Help Reduce Mosquito Bites.** Wearing long-sleeves, long pants and socks when outdoors will help keep mosquitoes away from your skin.
- 4) **Mosquito-Proof Your Home.** Limit the number of places around your home for mosquitoes to breed by either draining or discarding items that hold water. Check rain gutters and drains. Empty any unused flowerpots and wading pools, and change the water in birdbaths frequently. Install or Repair Screens.
- 5) **Protect Your Animals.** Keep animals indoors during peak biting times. Horse owners should keep horses in indoor stalls at night to reduce their risk of exposure to mosquitoes. Owners should also speak with their veterinarian about mosquito repellents approved for use in animals and vaccinations to prevent WNV and EEE.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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Resources:

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/mosquito-control-projects-and-districts>

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/eee-eastern-equine-encephalitis>

<https://www.cdc.gov/easternequineencephalitis/index.html>

<https://www.mass.gov/service-detials/wnv-and-eee-in-animals>

<https://www.lincolntown.org/116/Board-of-Health>