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EEE Prevention Recommendations Updated

Chatham, Ledge Light and Uncas Health Districts, in cooperation with the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, the Connecticut Department of Public Health and the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, have announced that they are no longer recommending restrictions on outdoor activities. It has been determined that the risk of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) transmission from mosquitoes to humans has been greatly reduced; it has now been over a month since a mammal-biting mosquito infected with EEE has been found in southeastern Connecticut.

Although the risk of EEE transmission will not be eliminated until we experience a hard frost, the likelihood of human infection is extremely low.

Based on this information, we are no longer recommending any restrictions on outdoor activities.

Residents should continue to use personal protective measures, including the use of an EPA - approved insect repellent (<https://www.epa.gov/insect-repellents>), and wearing long sleeves and pants if a significant amount of time is spent outdoors. Residents should also avoid hiking or camping in swampy areas until the first hard frost occurs.

Additional resources for information on EEE and mosquito management can be found at <http://www.ct.gov/mosquito/site/default.asp>

