



## City of Bristol

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### **Advisory for Bristol Residents regarding Eastern Equine Encephalitis**

The Mayor's office in conjunction with The Bristol/Burlington Health District, Bristol Parks Department and the Board of Education would like to advise citizens on the risks of Eastern Equine encephalitis (EEE), a mosquito-borne virus that has been found in CT mosquitoes. Though there are currently no cases in Bristol, or its surrounding towns, it is important to educate yourself on ways to reduce the risk of transmission. The Bristol Burlington Health District suggests limiting your time outdoors between the hours of 5:30 PM and 7:00 AM, and reducing time spent near bodies of water. People who choose to be outside during those hours should cover their skin and apply insect- repellent.

Bristol Public Schools are adjusting school-sponsored activities to ensure outdoor activities end by 5:30pm. After school activities and events will move to earlier times or move to different days of the week as necessary. Individual schools will communicate which activities and sporting events will be impacted.

For the general public the Mayor's Office suggests these best practices to reduce the risk of being bitten by mosquitoes.

- Minimize time outdoors between dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active.
- wear shoes, socks, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt when outdoors for long periods or when mosquitoes are most active
- Consider the use of mosquito repellent according to directions.

Should you have any questions concern EEE please do not hesitate to reach out to the Bristol-Burlington Health District at [860-584-7682](tel:860-584-7682)

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