

A case of eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) and West Nile Virus in a horse was recently reported to Chesterfield County through the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). TO BE CLEAR, NO CASE OF HUMAN INFECTION HAS BEEN REPORTED.

Chesterfield County is following recommendations from DHEC and the Centers for Disease Control by:

- Spraying for adult mosquitoes near the reported case;
- Removing mosquito habitats such as standing water ranging from wastewater areas to bird baths, old tires, or any container that holds water;
- Treating mosquito larvae, especially in storm drains with leaf litter or any other containers that cannot be turned over or discarded;
- Conducting door-to-door visits to provide information pamphlets and assist residents with looking for areas where mosquitoes may reproduce.

Individuals should pay attention to the most effective ways to prevent mosquito-borne illnesses:

- Apply insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, or IR 3535 according to label instructions. Repellents help keep mosquitoes from biting.
- Make sure that your doors and windows have tight-fitting screens to keep mosquitoes outside.
- Eliminate all sources of standing water on your property, including flowerpots, clogged gutters, buckets, neglected swimming pools, plastic sheeting or tarps used to cover yard items, pool covers, wheel barrows, children's toys, birdbaths, old tires, rain gutters, pet bowls, and any other water-holding containers.
- Wear light-colored clothing to cover your skin and reduce the risk of bites.

For more information about preventing mosquito bites and the spread of mosquito-borne illnesses, go to www.scdhec.gov/mosquitoes.

Mosquito Authority will be doing one of two rounds of spraying on August 16, 2018 after 10:00 for mosquitoes. They will be spraying an area that was designated by DHEC to be sprayed after the EEE (Eastern Equine Encephalitis) and West Nile Virus cases were reported in the Camp Coker area of Chesterfield County. These cases were NOT FROM A HUMAN. Still use insect repellent and take precautions around your house by getting rid of standing water. Mosquito Authority will be notifying anyone inside the spray area. The ones doing the notifications will be in marked Pink and White vehicles and will have Identification with them to show you. They will be giving out information on the process that is going to be taking place starting on August 16, 2018. If you have any questions about Mosquito Authority you can give them a call at 864-993-2293.

Please check out Facebook page (Chesterfield SC Emergency Management) for future updates.

