

A case of eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) in a horse was recently reported to Chesterfield County in the Hunts Mill area through the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). **TO BE CLEAR, NO CASE OF HUMAN INFECTION HAS BEEN REPORTED AND EEE IS A RARE ILLNESS IN HUMANS** (see <https://www.cdc.gov/easternequineencephalitis/index.html> for further information).

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.