

Special Notice Regarding Eastern Equine Encephalitis (“EEE”)

Dear Students, Parents, Staff and Community Members:

The Livingston County Health Department provided notice yesterday, September 29th, that one case of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (“EEE”) has been confirmed in Livingston County, and has recommended that members of the community act to reduce their risk of contracting EEE. Although EEE is very rare, as public schools we recognize the importance of working with the Health Department to reduce the risk of EEE exposure.

Facts regarding the method of transmission, symptoms, and confirmed cases of EEE in Michigan can be found at www.michigan.gov/eee.

A few steps that you can take to reduce the risk of contracting EEE, are: Apply insect repellents that contain the active ingredient DEET (or another U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-registered product), avoid being outdoors between dusk and dawn, and wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants when outdoors.

As part of the community effort to combat the spread of EEE, we have taken the following proactive steps:

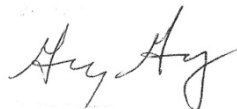
- Making announcements and providing signage at outdoor evening events to reinforce precautionary steps to minimize the risk of contracting EEE.
- Limiting youth activities and trips during the day to parks where the grounds have not been sprayed for mosquitos.
- Re-scheduling select outdoor youth events.
- Spraying for mosquitos on school grounds where children and spectators congregate near dusk as part of sponsored school events.

At the present time we are not cancelling school events and activities will move forward as planned. We will continue to work in partnership with the Livingston County Health Department and act in accordance with their directives. We encourage you to follow the recommendations referenced in this communication to further protect members of your family and your friends.

Questions or concerns regarding the actions being taken by our public schools can be directed to any one of our offices. Contact information is posted on each of our websites.



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