

## AERIAL SPRAYING TO BE CONDUCTED IN NEWAYGO COUNTY TO PREVENT CONTINUED SPREAD OF EEE

September 27, 2019 --- The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) just released a statement informing residents that aerial spraying will be conducted within 14 Michigan counties that have had human and/or animal cases of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE). Due to the recent confirmation of a horse diagnosed with EEE in Newaygo County, the aerial spraying will include Newaygo County, along with Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Kent, Lapeer, Montcalm, St. Joseph, and Van Buren Counties.

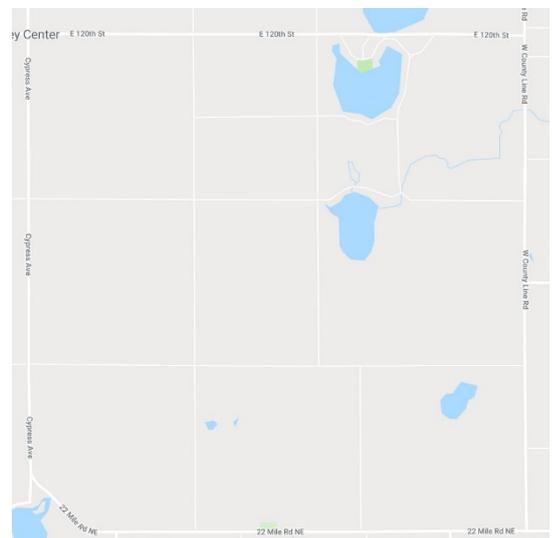
In consultation with MDHHS, Kevin Hughes, Health Officer for District Health Department #10, gave the okay to the State to include Newaygo County in the spraying efforts. "Given the fact that this dangerous mosquito-borne disease has crossed over into one of our counties, and out of an abundance of caution, it is my belief that aerial spraying is necessary to eliminate the potential for more human and animal infections," stated Hughes.

As stated in the MDHHS release, spraying is scheduled take place starting Sunday, Sept. 29 starting at 8 p.m. However, the ability to spray is weather dependent and the schedule may change. Residents are encouraged to visit [Michigan.gov/EEE](http://Michigan.gov/EEE) for up-to-date information.

Aerial spraying is conducted by low-flying aircraft, beginning in the early evening and continuing up until 4:30 a.m. the next morning, in areas of concern. Mosquito control professionals will apply approved pesticides as an ultra-low volume (ULV) spray. ULV sprayers dispense very fine aerosol droplets that stay suspended in the air and kill adult mosquitoes on contact. This is a tactic other states, including Massachusetts and Rhode Island, have recently employed to combat EEE.

In Newaygo County, the spraying will take place within a 2.5-mile radius of the location of the infected horse. To the right is an image of an approximate 5-mile radius of that location.

For more information on EEE and spraying efforts, visit: [www.dhd10.org/eastern-equine-encephalitis-eee/](http://www.dhd10.org/eastern-equine-encephalitis-eee/). You can also stay up to date on the most current information at: [Michigan.gov/EEE](http://Michigan.gov/EEE)



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*Map of approximate 5-mile radius of spraying efforts  
in Newaygo County*