

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

Newaygo County - October 5, 2019 – Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) announced this morning that Area 11-1 in Newaygo County was treated with aerial spraying last night to help combat Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE). Originally scheduled as a “weather alternative” location, the schedule was adjusted to include Newaygo County in the aerial spraying efforts.

A low-flying aircraft performed the aerial spraying where mosquito control professionals applied the approved insecticide, Merus 3.0, as an ultra-low volume (ULV) spray. ULV sprayers dispensed very fine aerosol droplets that stay suspended in the air and kill adult mosquitoes on contact. This is an approach other states, including Massachusetts and Rhode Island, have recently used to combat EEE.

As of October 4, EEE has been confirmed in nine people, with four fatalities. Cases are in Barry, Berrien, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties. In addition, cases have occurred in 34 animals from 15 counties: Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Calhoun, Cass, Genesee, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Kent, Lapeer, Livingston, Montcalm, Newaygo, St. Joseph and Van Buren. The mosquitos that spread EEE are still active and were caught in traps set October 1 in southwest Michigan.

For the most up-to-date information, including a map of area 11-1 in Newaygo County, visit [www.michigan.gov/eee](http://www.michigan.gov/eee).

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