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Entomologist Alan Eaton Offers Extensive Bulletin On Eastern Equine Encephalitis

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DURHAM, N.H. -- University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension Professor Alan Eaton, an entomologist, is available to provide expert commentary on Eastern equine encephalitis (“triple E”).

In anticipation of mosquito season and many municipalities’ efforts to control mosquito populations, Eaton has published an information bulletin, “Triple E Could Return to New Hampshire This Summer,” on the Cooperative Extension Web site. The detailed but user-friendly document describes the transmission of the virus and prevention techniques like repellent, spraying, and source reduction.

In 2005, New Hampshire led the nation with seven human cases (out of 20 nationwide) of triple E and two deaths. The disease is spread by mosquitoes from infected birds to humans, horses, and other mammals.

“Getting EEE is a bit like winning the lottery. The chances of it happening are very low, but the consequences can be life-changing,” Eaton writes.

Eaton’s “Triple E Could Return to New Hampshire This Summer” is available here: http://extension.unh.edu/News/EEENH.htm

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